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LAKESHORE SCHOOLS

Teacher under fire for word choice on quiz

District says comment 'lacked sensitivity' and is investigating further; father of student outraged

By JIM DALGLEISH
Assistant Local News Editor

STEVENSVILLE — "Racist" is a tag Christine Schroeder figures she hasn't earned.

The Lakeshore High School English teacher said she has devoted her 10 years teaching in Southwest Michigan to helping bridge the racial divisions between Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. She said her students' general lack of awareness of Benton Harbor's assets prompted her to craft this question for a vocabulary quiz earlier this month:

SCHROEDER

"Many people assume that all areas of Benton Harbor are _____; they don't consider the neat arts district with its cool restaurants and shops."

The correct word for the quiz was "sordid," which also showed up in three other areas of the quiz: its definition, and as a synonym and an antonym. The quiz contained many other words similarly analyzed.

For the effort, the white teacher has been ordered into sensitivity training. Lakeshore district Superintendent Cynthia Vujea, in an email late Thursday night, said in part: " ... we are in the process of investigating the case and making a determination of the action. When the district has concluded its investigation, a decision will be made in accordance with the policy and appropriate action taken."

Cornell Burton, the father of a black girl in Schroeder's class, expressed outrage by the quiz question and said the school had mishandled the whole situation.

On Thursday evening, Schroeder wrote in an email response to Herald-Palladium questions:

"... while I remain chagrined at my insensitivity in wording and how that question could be perceived, I cannot imagine something more healthy for this community than honestly approaching the topic of race.

"I have been cautioned by people to give 'no comment' – a warning that I'm sure my

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Berrien County bids goodbye to annual auction

By SCOTT AIKEN
H-P Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County will no longer store up lots of vehicles, motorcycles, boats and other items for an annual auction to get rid of surplus property forfeited in drug cases.

Instead, property will be sold through regular online auctions.

Although the county's in-person auctions have been popular with the public, selling online attracts far more potential buyers, county Administrator Bill Wolf said.

Some property sold in online trials has brought higher prices than would typically be expected at the annual auction.

By switching to online auctions, property does not have to be stored until the annual sale, said Administrative Assistant Annette Krieger-Christie. For example, the 2011 auction offered 20 vehicles, two boats and various surplus property that accumulated during the previous year. Most of the vehicles were seized by the Berrien County sheriff's Narcotics Unit in drug cases and forfeited by the owners in civil court actions.

Also, preparing for and holding the sale required a lot of staff time from county motor pool workers, sheriff's deputies and clerical workers, plus auctioneer costs, Krieger-Christie said.

The annual auctions in recent years have been at the county building at 2100 E. Empire Avenue in Benton Township.

Under the new system, Excess Recovery Solutions LLC, Riverside, will store the items and handle the online auctions. The company is to be paid a commission rate of 12 percent of sales, plus $3 for each lot, or group, of items to be

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Indian spring?

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The flowers already are blooming in front of the Morlock Center across the street from the St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Joseph on Thursday.

People like the 'heat wave' but worry what the skies over Michigan might yet hold in store

By ANDREW LERSTEN
H-P South Haven Bureau

SOUTH HAVEN — With record warm temperatures blooming this week in Southwest Michigan, outdoors was the place to be for many people on Thursday.

"I love global warming," said Ryan Servatius of South Haven Township, who took lunch on the outdoor roof deck of his office Thursday and then went for a nice walk and jog on the city's North Beach.

"This is awesome," he said. "I don't want to be inside on a day like this."

Betty Wisniewski of Bangor is warming up to the unseasonable weather.

"I love it," she said. "I'll spend a lot of time with my grandkids outside this weekend."

Justine Gardner of South Haven spent time with friends at South Haven's North Beach and at the city's Stanley Johnston Park Thursday afternoon.

"I'm excited. I was already sick of winter. I love summer," Gardner said.

Richard Chapman of South Haven brought out his bicycle and went for a ride.

"It beats sitting at home all the time," Chapman said.

The National Weather Service's seven-day forecast for South Haven is for temperatures in the mid- to high 60s through Wednesday.

While Chapman enjoyed the weather, he and others interviewed Thursday did express a "too-good-to-be-true sentiment."

"Living in Michigan, probably about anything could happen," Chapman warned. "This is way too early. Something might break loose here later. Something might come and freeze up everything."

Gardner added: "Michigan weather is just crazy. It could be excruciatingly hot this summer, or maybe we could have a bad winter next year."

Her friend, Jessica Root of South Haven, also said she's not counting on uninterrupted great weather.

"It's not normal to have no snow in the winter and then 75 degrees in March," Root said. "Of course we like it, but who knows" what will be next?

Ross Stein is a South Haven Township apple farmer, and he is concerned that the warm weather will fool fruit trees into budding early and that a typical late spring freeze could damage the crop.

"It concerns me as a fruit farmer," he said. "We are probably at least three weeks ahead of normal. If the temperatures were to drop, you're going to get damage in your fruit crops. I can't imagine we're going to get through this without a freeze."

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Jessica Root of South Haven pushes her cousin, David Wooten, 3, of Grand Rapids on a swing Thursday at South Haven's Stanley Johnston Park. They were among the many area residents out enjoying the record warm weather in March.

Extra cops to patrol Benton Harbor in summer

By SCOTT AIKEN
H-P Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County sheriff's deputies will again provide extra help in Benton Harbor this summer, though the department's role has changed from previous years.

The county Board of Commissioners on Thursday approved a $10,000 appropriation for added patrols, matching an equal contribution from Whirlpool Corp.

Sheriff Paul Bailey said the money will cover the cost of patrols on an as-needed basis.

"We'll be there in a heartbeat if needed," Bailey said.

State police will have a similar role, providing extra patrols when needed with a $20,000 Whirlpool grant.

Benton Harbor's Public Safety Department received $75,000 from Whirlpool to beef up police patrols in the warm weather months.

For the sheriff's department program last year the county provided $50,000, and Whirlpool $125,000.

Part the of the funding was to provide sheriff's patrols while city police were away receiving training to work in a combined public police-fire safety department. Several officers were sent for training in March, April and May to become certified firefighters.

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Weather

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IN BRIEF

Bill would excuse nursing mothers from jury duty

LANSING (AP) — A bill that would give breast-feeding mothers an automatic exemption from jury duty is advancing in the Michigan Legislature.

The Senate approved the bill Thursday by a 36-0 vote. The bill returns with changes to the House, which earlier passed a version of the legislation.

The bill would allow a nursing mother to be exempted from jury duty if she has a letter from a doctor or a lactation consultant. The exemption would be good for as long as the mother is breastfeeding.

Supporters of the bill say the exemption would benefit nursing mothers and also would ensure that court proceedings would not be disrupted. Judges already have the discretion to exempt nursing mothers from jury duty. At least 12 states exempt a nursing mother from jury duty.

Bill would ban some teen driver cell use

LANSING (AP) — Some teen drivers would be banned from using cell phones under legislation approved by the Michigan Senate.

A bill that would ban cell phone use was approved 28-10 Thursday in the Senate. The measure advances to the House.

Supporters of the bill say it aims to cut down on distracting driving among young teens. Some lawmakers who voted against the measure say it doesn't go far enough to crack down on all reasons for distracting driving.

The bill would ban cell phone use for those with Level 1 or 2 graduated drivers' licenses. The measure in general would apply to drivers younger than 17, at which point drivers often begin applying for Level 3 licenses.

Carjacking victim forgives suspect

DETROIT (AP) — An 86-year-old Detroit man who suffered a broken leg during a carjacking says the man accused of the crime asked for forgiveness.

Aaron Brantley says he forgives the 20-year-old suspect, Paris Gomillion, but he still wants him to spend time behind bars. Brantley was pumping gas on Feb. 22 when he was knocked down and had his keys snatched. He was returning home from a Bible study. Brantley appeared in court Thursday and said he received a letter from Gomillion from jail.

LOTTERIES

Michigan

Thursday drawings

Midday Daily 3:
4-8-4
Midday Daily 4:
8-0-8-8
Daily 3:
5-6-6
Daily 4:
2-9-7-7
Fantasy 5:
02-07-10-13-26
Keno:
01-06-07-11-13-14-22-24-30-43-44-46-49-50-53-55-62-63-64-68-71-79

Mega Millions jackpot:
$200 million
Powerball jackpot:
$60 million

Indiana

Thursday midday drawings

Daily Three-Midday:
3-8-7
Daily Four-Midday:
5-2-4-7
Lucky 5-Midday:
08-11-13-14-30

Wednesday evening drawings

Tag 6:
7-1-7-2-0-0
Daily Three-Evening:
7-0-2
Daily Four-Evening:
6-2-2-8
Lucky 5-Evening:
13-14-25-28-30
Quick Draw:
01-05-08-09-14-15-30-34-35-37-40-48-50-57-58-61-63-64-65-73
Hoosier Lotto:
11-15-25-32-35-38
Jackpot:
$3.5 million

Illinois

Thursday midday drawings

Pick Three-Midday:
6-1-6
Pick Four-Midday:
4-3-3-1

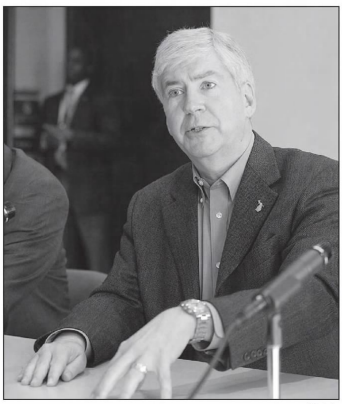
Wednesday evening drawings

Pick Three-Evening:
9-8-4
Pick Four-Evening:
4-5-5-2
Little Lotto:
18-19-21-31-36
Jackpot:
$175,000
Lotto:
05-12-18-20-40-43
Jackpot:
$2.75 million

– The Associated Press

Snyder welcomes counteroffer on Detroit consent agreement

By KATHY BARKS HOFFMAN
Associated Press



AP photo

Gov. Rick Snyder speaks at media round table about the possible takeover of Detroit. Snyder says he welcomes a counteroffer from Detroit officials to his administration's proposal for restoring the city's financial solvency.

LANSING — Gov. Rick Snyder said Thursday that he's open to negotiating further with Detroit leaders about how best to restore the city's financial solvency as long as a counterproposal being drafted by Mayor Dave Bing and city council members gets the job done.

"I believe that's a constructive step and hopefully we'll hear back very quickly," Snyder told reporters in Lansing.

He warned, however, that the state is not going to step in with more money to help the city deal with a $197 million budget shortfall and its long-term legacy costs. Detroit leaders say they never got $200 million in revenue sharing funds cut by then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm, but Snyder denies the state owes the money.

That didn't deter at least one councilman, Andre Spivey, from saying the state should give the beleaguered city money to help dig out of its financial hole.

"This is our biggest need at this moment and an absolute must for this city to move forward financially," he said. "I remain optimistic that the governor, treasurer, and Detroit city officials can come to an agreement over the next few days."

City Councilman Gary Brown, however, welcomed the consent agreement, saying in a statement that it provides the "teeth and the tools" to ensure the city won't run out of money in coming months.

Kirk Lewis, Bing's chief of staff, said meetings between the mayor's and council's staff would continue until a final counterproposal is drafted. No deadline has been set, although a financial review team has only until March 26 to either tell Snyder no financial emergency exists or recommend that a consent agreement or a financial manager be put in place.

Snyder has 10 days after he receives the team's report to make a decision. Further negotiations with Detroit leaders must happen quickly, he said.

Bing and other critics of the consent agreement Snyder has proposed say it gives a nine-member financial advisory board whose members would be appointed by state and city officials too much authority over the decisions made by the elected mayor and City Council. Bing tweeted several of his objections Thursday morning shortly after Snyder wrapped up his meeting with reporters.

"The agreement does not protect the city from the appointment of an emergency manager," the mayor said, adding that it "prevents me from choosing my own executive staff to implement restructuring. They are appointed and directed by the board."

Snyder strongly disagreed, saying the mayor and council "absolutely have power under the consent agreement – a lot of power."

Bing was at the White House on Thursday. He watched as President Barack Obama signed an executive order that will establish the White House Council on Strong Cities, Strong Communities and expand a program that already has created partnerships with federal agencies in Detroit and five other economically cities to spark economic development.

Harvey Hollins III, Snyder's urban initiatives director, said he understands why some Detroiters are suspicious of an unelected group of financial experts that would have so much say over the city's finances. But he expects many will come to see the consent agreement as a good idea.

"Residents are fearful of a takeover," Hollins said. "When we give them the information and we're able to walk through some of the scenarios, that's a different dialogue."

The Republican governor pointed to many initiatives he has unveiled to help Detroit that have nothing to do with finances, such as beefing up the number of state police troopers and assigning more of them to Detroit to combat crime.

He also wants to invest millions of dollars to provide job training for the chronically unemployed in Detroit, where unemployment hovers at 17.3 percent, and get a regional high-speed bus system in place.

"We're preparing a lot of good things to help the city," Snyder said. "This is not about fighting or having someone lose."

The governor, who leaves Saturday for a weeklong trade trip to Germany and Italy, said he plans to hold a series of town hall meetings with Detroit residents after he returns March 24.

Feds seek leads in 2011 car bombing case

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Federal authorities doubled the reward and pleaded with the public for help Thursday to try to solve the bombing of a lawyer's car last fall in southeastern Michigan.

The bomb attached to the bottom of Erik Chappell's Volvo had components from an Electrix remote-controlled toy vehicle, the government said, releasing that detail for the first time since the September attack.

Chappell has said he believes he knows who's responsible, but no arrests have been made. Some people have been scratched off a list while others remain persons of interest, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said.

Agents are seeking a "jewel of information that can put us over the top," said David McCain, head of the ATF in Detroit.

"We have leads, but we need more leads," he said at a news conference, raising the reward for critical information to $20,000 from $10,000.

Chappell and two sons were injured when the bomb exploded while they were riding on a road in Monroe, about 35 miles southwest of Detroit. Chappell lives near Monroe, near the Michigan-Ohio border, and practices law in both states.

McCain declined to say whether agents believe the bomb was activated by remote control. He described it as a "sophisticated" device built by someone with experience with electronics.

McCain said the bomber's attitude is, "I don't get mad. I get even." Chappell, who didn't attend the news conference, didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment on the ATF's remarks.

McCain said it's possible that someone may have aided the bomber without knowing about the "far more dangerous" plot to kill Chappell.

Tornado hits SE Michigan; no injuries reported

DEXTER (AP) — At least one tornado touched down Thursday in southeast Michigan, causing property damage but no reported injuries, authorities said.

The tornado was part of a heavy storm system of rain, hail and high winds that swept southeast Thursday afternoon through Washtenaw County.

A touchdown was reported in the Dexter and Pinckney areas northwest of Ann Arbor, said Marc Breckenridge, director of Emergency Management for the county. Breckenridge warned at the time that more tornados could be in the area's forecast.

"We've had lots of damage reports," he added. Breckenridge could not provide details of the damage.

Crews were searching the area where the tornado was reported, he added.

National Weather Service spotters also reported at least one tornado touchdown. "We've had several large hail reports," meteorologist Amos Dodson said.

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Goldman manifesto raises many questions

(AP) – The young banker whose dramatic public resignation stung Goldman Sachs this week joins officials from every corner of the government in questioning whether the august investment house deals honestly with all its clients.

In separate cases, judges, lawmakers and regulators have suggested the bank ignores conflicts of interest and sells to its clients investments it knows are weak, all in the pursuit of profit.

The resignation Wednesday by Greg Smith, a 33-year-old banker for Goldman in London, was a shot from within Goldman's ranks. In an Op-Ed article for The New York Times, Smith said the bank sells financial products "that we are trying to get rid of."

"It makes me ill how callously people talk about ripping their clients off," Smith wrote.

The essay was widely circulated online, and Smith became a trending topic on Twitter. But his charges were only the latest embarrassment for Goldman, which has built a sterling reputation over 143 years on Wall Street.

The bank paid $550 million in 2010 to settle civil charges that it misled investors while selling them investments in the U.S. housing market as the bubble burst – even as Goldman reaped hundreds of millions in profits with its own bets against housing.

A congressional committee recommended that law enforcement authorities look into a series of deals that Goldman sold while executives derided them in emails as "junk," "crap" and another profane adjective.

And last month, a Delaware court nearly blocked a merger between Kinder Morgan and El Paso, two energy companies, because Goldman had ties to both companies, raising questions about a conflict of interest.

"This is the latest entry into a long-running narrative that they don't put their clients first," said Michael Robinson, a former official with the Securities and Exchange Commission. "If your business is built on trust, that's not going to fly."

Robinson, who now works for Levick Strategic Communications, a public relations company, said regulators, Congress and prosecutors are almost certain to look into Smith's claim that Goldman sold investments to clients that it wanted to get rid of.

The SEC, the FBI and federal prosecutors in Manhattan declined comment. A spokesman for Goldman also declined comment.

Legal experts said the bar for proving wrongdoing by executives at the bank would be high. The real danger for Goldman, Robinson said, is that clients will lose faith and abandon it.

"Whether what they're doing is legal or not, it sure is going to keep them in the headlines – and remind people that they can't always trust what they're hearing from their banker," he said.

Afghan war strategy in flux

U.S. works to revive reconciliation process after Taliban pulls out

By ANNE GEARAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration sought to put the best face on an Afghanistan policy called into question Thursday by the apparent shelving of talks with insurgents and announcement from the U.S.-backed government in Kabul that it will not support the fielding of U.S. forces deep into rural villages, a key goal of the current military strategy.

The announcements from Afghanistan strike at both elements of the twin-track U.S. exit strategy, which calls for a gradual transfer of security authority to Afghan forces and U.S. talks with Taliban insurgents as a seed for larger political reconciliation talks with the Afghan government.

U.S. spokesmen said the administration will press on with trying to reconcile Afghanistan's government and Taliban forces willing to renounce terrorism, despite Thursday's announcement by the militants that they were suspending contacts with the United States. The last substantive talks between U.S. officials and Taliban representatives was in January, and two initiatives to build trust and move toward real peace talks are in limbo.

The Taliban accused the U.S. of failing to deliver on promises and making new demands in the talks, a charge that White House press secretary Jay Carney denied.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai demanded Thursday that U.S. troops leave rural Afghan areas and stay on bases until they finish the withdrawal of troops by the end of 2014. The war effort has been set back in recent days by the weekend slaughter of nine children among 16 people killed allegedly by an American soldier, and earlier by the inadvertent burning of Qurans by U.S. troops.

The Obama administration has endorsed negotiation with the insurgents as the best hope for reaching a political settlement in Afghanistan, and entered secret direct talks with Taliban representatives last year. The talks have foundered before, and several people familiar with the contacts characterized the latest news as a temporary but expected setback. They spoke on condition of anonymity to describe sensitive diplomacy.

"There is no likely resolution to the conflict in Afghanistan without a political resolution," Carney said. "Our conditions for participation in that process by the Taliban have been clear in terms of the reconciliation. Those who would be reconciled need to lay down their arms, renounce al-Qaida (and) promise to abide by the Afghan constitution. And we continue to support that process."

AP photo

Afghans burn an effigy depicting President Barack Obama on Tuesday following Sunday's killing of civilians in Panjwai, Kandahar province by a U.S. soldier.

A senior U.S. official familiar with the discussions said U.S. officials expected some statement from the Taliban backing away from talks, and presume that the timing following Sunday's killings is an attempt to gain greater leverage over the United States.

Even before the latest troubles, efforts to negotiate an Afghan settlement were stymied by the Taliban's unwillingness to negotiate directly with Karzai's government, which the militants see as illegitimate. Karzai has complained that he was cut out of the talks, complicating his sometimes rocky relationship with Washington.

The Taliban have maintained they want to negotiate only with the United States, the largest donor and largest military force in Afghanistan. The Associated Press previously reported that the U.S. side had agreed to greater Afghan government participation in future talks. That shift appears to underlie the Taliban claim of a change in terms, although their statement was not specific.

As to whether the U.S. has delivered on promises in earlier negotiations, the Taliban were apparently referring to a plan the U.S. has backed publicly to open a Taliban political office in the Gulf state of Qatar, as the Taliban had requested. That plan, although reluctantly endorsed by Karzai, apparently has been delayed by an internal Taliban debate about a public renunciation of international terrorism. The U.S. has made that renunciation a condition for opening the office.

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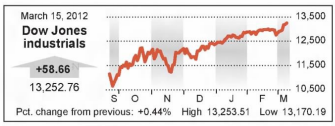

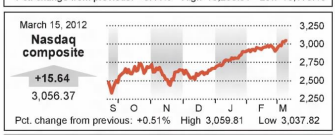

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IntegrysE	TEG	42.76	54.88	53.11	-.05	-0.1	▼	▼	▼
IBM	IBM	151.71	205.15	206.00	+1.28	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	27.85	47.80	44.70	+1.12	+2.6	▲	▲	▲
JohnsJn	JNJ	57.50	68.05	65.07	-.01	...	▲	▲	▼
JournalCm	JRN	2.69	6.07	5.47	+.09	+1.7	▲	▲	▲
Lowes	LOW	18.07	30.60	30.69	+.20	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
McDnlds	MCD	72.89	102.22	98.04	+.75	+0.8	▲	▼	▼
Microsoft	MSFT	23.65	32.88	32.85	+.08	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	15.63	28.94	21.50	+.22	+1.0	▼	▼	▲
Penney	JCP	23.44	43.18	36.99	+.35	+1.0	▼	▼	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	72.51	108.50	102.60	-1.08	-1.0	▼	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	16.63	22.17	21.91	-.02	-0.1	▲	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	57.56	67.95	67.68	-.17	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	24.72	33.10	30.54	-.09	-0.3	▬	▲	▲
SearsHldgs	SHLD	28.69	87.66	83.43	+3.47	+4.3	▲	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	5.40	12.12	9.13	+.26	+2.9	▲	▼	▲
Stryker	SYK	43.73	64.61	55.00	+.77	+1.4	▲	▲	▲
Target	TGT	45.28	58.79	58.75	+.15	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
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WalMart	WMT	48.31	62.63	61.23	+.15	+0.2	▲	▼	▲
Walgrn	WAG	30.34	47.11	33.77	+.40	+1.2	▲	▼	▲
Wendys Co	WEN	4.29	5.62	4.91	+.08	+1.6	▲	▼	▼
Whirlpl	WHR	45.22	92.00	78.82	+.32	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
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March Corn ..... $6.47 up 8¢
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These are the markets as of this morning before the opening of the Board of Trade.

Obama defends energy record

By NANCY BENAC
Associated Press

LARGO, Md. — Vigorously defending his policies, President Barack Obama ridiculed critics of renewable energy sources Thursday, calling them naysayers and comparing them to the flat-earthers of yesteryear.

Obama did not mention his detractors by name, merely referring to them as "professional politicians."

But his targets were clear.

"A lot of the folks who are running for a certain office who shall go unnamed, they've been talking down new sources of energy," Obama told a crowd of students at Prince George's Community College in Washington's Maryland suburbs.

"They dismiss wind power. They dismiss solar power. They make jokes about biofuels. They were against raising fuel standards. I guess they like gas-guzzlers," he said.

One of his most vocal critics recently has been Republican presidential candidate and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who has referred to Obama as "President Algae" for speaking of research that one day would allow oil and gas to be developed from algae.

Obama argued that the U.S. is producing more oil than at any time in the past eight years and has quadrupled the number of operating oil rigs.

Republican candidates seeking the White House criticized the sharp rise in gas prices on Obama's watch. The average retail price for a gallon of gas was $3.81 on Wednesday, 50 cents higher than a month ago.

Gingrich, at a campaign appearance in Illinois, dismissed the president's remarks as "intellectual nonsense" and said Obama belongs to "the Flat Earth Sierra Club Society."

"Ask the president why is Saudi oil good and American oil bad?" he said. "Why is Saudi drilling good and American drilling bad?"

In a Fox News interview shortly before Obama spoke, Mitt Romney said Obama should "absolutely" be held responsible for high gasoline prices because "he has not pursued policies that convince the world that America is going to become energy secure, energy independent."

Romney said Obama has delayed drilling for oil in the Gulf of Mexico and in a national wildlife refuge in Alaska.

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Meet the party of 'peasants with pitchforks'

E.J. Dionne

Political revolutions leave chaos in their wake. Republicans cannot shut down their presidential nominating contest because the party is in the midst of an upheaval wrought by the growing dominance of its right wing, its unresolved attitudes toward George W. Bush's presidency, and the terror the GOP rank-and-file has stirred among the more moderately conservative politicians who once ran things.

When Pat Buchanan ran for president in the 1990s, the conservative commentator lovingly referred to his partisans as "peasants with pitchforks." The pitchfork brigade now enjoys more power in Republican politics than even Buchanan thought possible.

Mitt Romney is still the Republican front-runner by virtue of the delegates he relentlessly piles up. But Romney keeps failing to bring this slugfest to a close. No matter how much he panders and grovels to the party's right, its supporters will never see him as one of their own.

One senses that the conservative ultras are resigned to having to vote for Romney in November against President Obama. They are determined not to vote for him twice, using the primaries to give voice to their hearts and their guts. They will keep signaling their refusal to surrender to the Romney machine with its torrent of nasty advertisements and its continuing education courses in delegate math designed to prove that resistance is futile.

The more they are told this, the more they want to resist.

Rick Santorum is a superb vehicle for this cry of protest. He is articulate but unpolished. He has pitifully few resources compared with the vast treasury at Romney's disposal, but this only feeds Santorum's David narrative against the Goliath that is Team Romney.

Santorum's purity as a social and religious conservative is unrivaled, and his traditional family life – he's always surrounded on primary nights by a passel of kids – contrasts nicely with Newt Gingrich's rather messy personal history. It is no accident that while Gingrich narrowly carried the ballots of men in Tuesday's Alabama and Mississippi primaries, he was routed among Republican women who were decisive in Santorum's twin triumphs. It was the conservative version of the personal being the political.

And while Republicans shout to the heavens against class warfare, they are as affected as anyone by the old Jacksonian mistrust of the privileged whose football knowledge comes not from experience or ESPN but from their friendship with the owners of NFL franchises. In Mississippi and Alabama, Romney again prevailed among those with postgraduate educations and incomes of over $100,000 a year. He was defeated by those with less money and fewer years in school.

The revolt of the right-wing masses means that Romney stands alone as the less than ideal representative of a relatively restrained brand of conservatism. The growing might of the conservative hard core, reflected in its primary victories in 2010, led other potential establishmentarians to sit out the race in the hope that the storm will eventually pass.

But having decided to run, Romney must wage a campaign of denial. He buries his old Massachusetts self and misleads about what he once believed. He even tries to run to Santorum's right. Recently, he denounced Santorum for voting in favor of federal support for Planned Parenthood, a group to which Romney's family once made a donation. It is an unseemly spectacle.

Bush's efforts to craft a "compassionate conservatism" friendlier toward those in the political middle collapsed into ruins years ago. This year's Republican candidates almost never speak Bush's name. It is to Santorum's discredit that he did not dare defend his perfectly defensible vote in favor of Bush's No Child Left Behind education program. Santorum, too, fears the pitchforks wielded by those who see any exertion of federal authority as leading down a road to serfdom.

And so it is on to Illinois, the next place Romney has to win to keep the resistance at bay. The Land of Lincoln would be a fine setting for a stand in favor of a more measured form of conservatism. But it won't happen. Romney is anxious about the power of the Republican right in downstate Illinois – the very region that opposed Honest Abe in his celebrated Senate race 154 years ago.

Once again, Romney will take the moderates for granted, ignoring the last remnants of the old Lincoln party as he chases after an elusive right. And once again, Santorum's battle cry will challenge conservatives to have the courage to complete the revolution they started the day Barack Obama took office.

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Dismal GOP tactics play into Democratic strategy

Cal Thomas

You've got to hand it to Democrats and the Obama re-election campaign. Like a quarterback who looks left to draw the defense away from his intended target on the right, Democrats have managed to divert our attention. Instead of debating President Obama's dreadful record on just about everything, Democrats have managed to get Republicans talking about sex and morality. Rather than figuring out what to do about Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons, Democrats have put Republicans on the defensive over the use of vulgar words applied to liberal women. For their use of equally offensive or similar words applied to conservative women, they mostly get a pass, because this isn't about the words; it's about politics.

The strategy seems to be working. After a week of debating, discussing and deploring what Rush Limbaugh said about Sandra Fluke, the Democrat-friendly Washington Post ran a front-page story last Saturday announcing "GOP gains dwindling among women." They must be toasting each other at President Obama's 2012 national headquarters in Chicago.

How did Republicans allow themselves to be outmaneuvered like this? Why do they think that talking about sex, much less trying to regulate it (some might start with regulating themselves) is going to gain votes for the party in a hedonistic age where worship of the Dow Jones Industrial Average and pleasure trumps a Higher Authority? The public has little faith in the ability of politicians to run the country. The approval rating for Congress just hit an all-time low of 9 percent, according to a recent New York Times/CBS News poll. That's lower than the approval rating for pornography, polygamy and human cloning, as cited in Gallup's 2011 Values and Beliefs poll.

Republicans are missing an opportunity to outmaneuver Democrats. Instead of playing the Democrats' game, Republicans should embrace a positive and optimistic vision. It worked for Ronald Reagan – the president whom Republicans so revere and wish was still around. Does anyone believe if Reagan were alive today he would be happy with the way the party is destroying itself?

I have made this argument before in different ways and with different analogies and I will continue to make it until someone takes it seriously. Stop arguing about philosophy and morality and instead feature people who have embraced Republican principles and whose lives are better as a result. These would include a single mother who is now independent of government assistance and either has a job or operates her own small business, thanks, perhaps, to a microloan.

Show me people who were brought up on "the wrong side of the tracks" with an alcoholic father, or absent mother, but because someone took an interest in them (a teacher, a mentor), managed to make something of themselves.

How about an example of a man who was mired in debt but decided to stop spending money he didn't have, paid his bills and is now debt free with a good credit rating? He could provide an example for what government should do.

America has always been a storytelling nation. We love stories of people overcoming through hard work and personal integrity. The late radio broadcaster Paul Harvey made a career of telling inspirational stories. Why aren't Republicans telling positive stories, instead of so often labeling and condemning people? The smallest light can pierce the darkest room. Hope dispels despair. Confidence builds strength. "You can do it" beats "you'll never amount to anything."

Republicans should find people in small towns and big cities who would tell their stories. That's what voters want to hear and see. It's called leadership. It inspires people to believe in themselves and, ultimately, in America. It's what Reagan did. Go to YouTube and watch that 1984 campaign commercial "It's Morning in America."

For too many Republicans, the sun is setting on America. The return of Daylight Saving Time isn't going to help.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Romney's pander skills need some work

Here's some unsolicited advice for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney: The "pander" works much better when you don't let the "panderee" in on the joke.

Romney was in Kirkwood, Mo., on Tuesday blaming President Barack Obama for rising gasoline prices. Obama should have drilled more, Romney alleged.

Then he took a swipe at the president for blaming "loose talk" of war in Iran for driving the price of crude oil higher.

"It is disappointing to have the president of the United States take a serious foreign-policy issue, which is Iran, the state sponsor of terror in the world becoming nuclear, and trying to turn that into, saying we're somehow responsible for high gasoline prices in this country," Romney said. "It is a real stretch."

The ploy of presidential candidates blaming sitting presidents for rising gas prices is nearly as old as the internal combustion engine. Just one election cycle ago, it was Obama pulling the same routine against then-President George W. Bush.

But Romney pulls the punch right out of his attack when, days before he launches it, he makes it clear it's meaningless.

"I think people recognize that the president can't precisely set the price at the pump," Romney told CNBC just days ago.

Oops.

Actually, it gets worse. At a Republican presidential debate in December, Romney himself tied Iran to gas prices, saying that as president, he would be responsible for higher prices on gasoline because he'd place "crippling" sanctions on Iran.

Oops again.

Romney was right the first time, when he said that the president – any president – can't do all that much about gas prices. In non-election years, it's gas station owners, not politicians, who get blamed for price spikes. In his role as their spokesman in Missouri, Ron Leone has answered the "why are gas prices high" question perhaps more often than anybody else in the Show-Me State.

"In general, pump prices are high for two main reasons," he told us: "First, the price of crude oil is high at $107 per barrel." Leone and other analysts offer a lot of reasons for the high price: warmer weather, speculators playing the market, high global demand, and, yes, political unrest. Then there's the added fact that St. Louis gas stations have to sell "boutique fuels" to deal with our city's pollution problems, Leone points out. This mandate pushes area prices higher. Unfortunately, Romney's top congressional supporter in the state, Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., has been trying to undo that mandate.

Romney doesn't seem to have a knack for proper pandering. Consider his question to the Kirkwood crowd about whether he should say "Missour-ah" or "Missour-ee."

When you ask a crowd how to speak, rather than simply pandering in their dialect, you lose the effect. That's particularly true when the only class of people who regularly say "Missouri-ah" anymore are pandering politicians who think we're all a bunch of rubes.

Y'all come back now, ya' hear?

– St. Louis Post-Dispatch

New primary system making things difficult for Republicans

By CARL P. LEUBSDORF
The Dallas Morning News

Another Tuesday, another round of inconclusive Republican primaries. GOP voters and candidates wonder how long this will continue.

The answer is a long time. That's unsettling Republicans because they're not used to protracted battles. However heated their previous nominating contests, it's been 36 years since one lasted very long – the 1976 battle between President Gerald Ford and challenger Ronald Reagan.

But a significant change in the party's nominating rules and the rise of the free-spending super PACs are threatening to extend the nominating contest to the final primaries in June and beyond. Both factors allow defeated candidates to remain in the race longer than they would have survived in the past.

Party leaders became convinced after John McCain's 2008 defeat that short nominating fights were not necessarily beneficial because Republicans in most states never had their say. Officials felt the lengthy 2008 fight between Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton was useful for Democratic party-building.

So they made two basic changes in the nominating rules.

First, working with the Democrats, they devised a calendar limiting the primary calendar to four months by allowing only Iowa , New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina to hold contests before March.

Second, they encouraged other states to delay primaries until April, May and June by requiring those before April 3 to divide their delegates proportionally, like the Democrats have done for many years.

The effort to have a late start failed, because Florida insisted on scheduling its primary Jan. 29, more than a month ahead of the allowed schedule. As a result, Florida will lose half of its delegates.

The second goal succeeded. Many of the biggest states, such as California, New York and New Jersey, that held early 2008 primaries returned to their traditional dates later in the process. Texas joined them when the fight over legislative and congressional redistricting delayed its primary until May 29.

Another factor: Some states sought to save money by holding presidential and congressional primaries on the same day.

Proportional representation in March and the delay of other contests until May or June have slowed front-runner Mitt Romney's progress toward the 1,144 delegates he needs to clinch the nomination.

The former Massachusetts governor has been further slowed by his weakness as a candidate. Of the first three states, only New Hampshire went to Romney, a showing that in the past might have been fatal for a front-runner. He's lost all but one Southern state. In several key contests, he narrowly avoided debilitating defeats because of the millions his super PAC spent on negative advertising against his rivals.

Romney's tactics so angered one rival, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, that he seems less willing to quit the race.

The negativism in these ads damaged Romney, his rivals and the Republican Party itself, especially among independents who could be crucial in November.

Romney still remains more likely than not to win the nomination. If he doesn't clinch it by the time the primaries end in June, his rivals may throw the Tampa, Fla., convention into turmoil. Rules fights could be waged, seeking to enforce the penalties against Florida and Arizona for selecting delegates too early and against Virginia, Ohio and Massachusetts for ignoring the proportional rules. Romney won all five states.

"If the Republican Party doesn't wrap up its nomination very soon and rally around a consensus candidate, we are heading to a Tampa National Convention of epic battles, divisive delegate challenges and a deadlock that could rupture the party," Mark Siegel recently wrote on the Huffington Post. A key figure in such Democratic fights in the 1970s, Siegel is now a partner in the Dallas-Washington firm Locke Lord Strategies.

Each week that Romney fails to defeat his main rival, Rick Santorum, brings that prospect a little closer. The news media might love it, but probably not the GOP.

Carl Luebsdorf is a columnist for The Dallas Morning News.

Obituaries

Vernon Dale Nichols

NEW BUFFALO — Vernon Dale Nichols, 57, of New Buffalo died at 3:33 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2012, at home.

Cremation has taken place, and no services will be held. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Nichols was born Jan. 23, 1955, in Grand Rapids. He was a truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Jessica Ann Elizabeth (Stone) Nichols, and daughters, Maya Elizabeth Noble and Reece Ann Nichols.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Patricia Jane McDowell

ST. JOSEPH — Patricia Jane McDowell, 88, of St. Joseph passed away on Thursday, March 8, 2012, at the Seminole Pavilion Rehab and Nursing Services in Seminole, Fla.

McDOWELL

Patricia was born on June 24, 1923, in Auburn, Ind., to George and Bermadetta (Johnston) McDowell. She served her country during World War II in the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) in the U.S. Navy. She was a graduate of Indiana University and retired as a copy writer director from Creative Advertising in St. Joseph.

Patricia is survived by her niece, Shannon (Steve) McDowell Bailey of Seminole; two great-nephews, Jared and Adam Bailey, and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, David McDowell, and a nephew, Kevin McDowell.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, March 19, officiated by Scott Labbe, with a visitation held one hour prior to services at Starks-Menchinger Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, Mich. After cremation takes place, her ashes will be buried at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett, Ind. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Joseph Library. Those wishing to express condolences can sign an on-line guest book www.starks-mechinger.com.

Ronald A. 'Ronnie' Richardson

SISTER LAKES — Ronnie's life began on Aug. 22, 1960, in Hammond, Ind., the son of Ronald E. Richardson and Jackie Richardson-Toweson. He was a graduate of Gavit High School in Hammond. Ronnie was a medalist in Special Olympics and attended the Share Foundation Camp in Rolling Prairie, Ind. He was known to many as "Rockin' Ronnie." He loved his music and his earphones and loved to bowl. Ronnie was a Chicago Bulls, St. Louis Cardinal and Chicago Cubs fan.

His loving family includes his mother, Jackie Toweson of Sister Lakes; siblings, Jill (Greg Serbon) Richardson-Bush of Crown Point, Ind., Patrick (Cindy) Richardson of Lake Village, Ind., Terry (Kelleen) Richardson of Lowell, Ind., Tiffany (Chris) Govert of Gold Canyon, Ariz., and Troy (Jeannie) Toweson of Schererville, Ind.; nieces and nephews, Christopher Bush, Corey Bush, and Thomas, Amber, Hannah, Sarah and Adam Richardson; stepfather, Robert Toweson; and several very special aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

Ronnie passed away on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at his home. He was preceded in death by his father.

His family will gather with friends from 5 to 8 p.m. EST on Saturday at Yazel & Clark Chapel, 405 Center St., Dowagiac, Mich., where a scripture service will be held at 7:30 p.m. led by Deacon Frank Wesolowski. A visitation will be held on Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. CST at Kuiper Funeral Home, 9039 Kleinman Road, Highland, Ind., and committal services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Chapel Lawn Cemetery in Schererville, Ind., led by Father Dennis J. Blaney. Memorial contributions in Ronnie's name may be directed to the family in care of Jackie Toweson or the Share Foundation. Please sign his guestbook and leave a memory of Ronnie at www.yazel-clark.com.

Heartha Whitlow

ST. JOSEPH — Heartha Whitlow, 92, of St. Joseph died Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at the Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph.

WHITLOW

Family services will be held at a later date, and cremation has taken place. The Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Services in St. Joseph is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Box Factory for the Arts or to the Berrien Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Heartha was born on May 21, 1919, in Lake Charles, La., to Carl and Willie May Nielsen. Heartha earned a degree in chemistry at the University of Texas, and she married Eugene Whitlow on Dec. 25, 1940, in Austin, Texas. Gene preceded Heartha in death on July 26, 2009, finishing a 68-year marriage.

Heartha moved to this area in 1959 with her family and had lived here ever since. She worked for a time at Bendix Corp. but devoted most of her time to her family and to her artistic interests. In addition to raising two children and greatly encouraging them in their developing interest areas, she was involved with the Krasl Art Center, the St. Joseph Power Squadron, the Berrien Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and the Box Factory for the Arts. Heartha was the eternal optimist in a group of three people who spearheaded the formation of the Box Factory and was instrumental in maintaining morale and hope for the project when doubts and uncertainties arose.

She also contributed a chapter to the book "My Sweet Life," a collection of inspirational autobiographies of people who have overcome diabetes.

Heartha is survived by her son, Dana Whitlow of Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kerry Murray, in 1991.

John Peter Bird Jr.

SODUS — John Peter Bird Jr., 60, of Sodus passed away on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at Lakeland Specialty Hospital in Berrien Center.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, at the Hartford General Baptist Church, 323 E. Main Street, Hartford, with the Rev. Steven Bisbee officiating. Burial will be private. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the time of the service Saturday at the church. Arrangements have entrusted to the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service. Messages may be sent to www.florin.net or birdpeter@ymail.com.

BIRD

John was born on Aug. 17, 1951, in Battle Creek. He was one of two children born to John Peter Sr. and Patricia Bird. He attended Benton Harbor High School. John proudly served his country during the Vietnam Conflict in the U.S. Army. John was a charter member of the Hartford General Baptist Church in Hartford.

John is survived by his children, Melanie Bird of St. Claire, Mich., and Craig Bird of Montgomery, Ala.; his parents, John Peter Sr. and Patricia Bird; and by his brother, James Franklin Bird of Fort Collins, Colo.

Melba Lange

BENTON HARBOR — Melba Lange, 55, of Benton Harbor passed away Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, March 19, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph with Pastor Jon Bendewald officiating. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. Friends may visit from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Lange family. Those wishing to share a memory of Melba online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

LANGE

Melba was born June 19, 1956, in Benton Harbor to Austin and Annabelle (Staggs) McCarver. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1974. On Dec. 1, 1979, she married Mark Lange in St. Joseph. He preceded her in death on June 12, 2006. Melba was a loving mother who cherished her daughters dearly. She enjoyed being part of her daughter's sporting events and traveling teams.

Melba is survived by her children, Kelly Lange, Teri Lange and Molly Lange, all of Benton Harbor; her father, Austin McCarver; sisters, Dorothy (Bruce) George of Ohio, Barbara McCarver of Berrien Springs, Cheryl Russell and Linda Carpenter, both of Benton Harbor; brother, Austin McCarver of Benton Harbor.

Melba was preceded in death by her husband, Mark Lange, and her mother, Annabelle McCarver.

Death notices

Jackson Babcock, 76, Niles, died March 14 at Lakeland Community Hospital, Niles. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Niles, 683-1155.

Stephen D. Basly, 82, Benton Harbor, died March 14 at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph. Fairplain Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor, 926-7222.

Nancy Rose Brennan, 72, Coloma, died March 14 at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Richard E. Fry, 62, Dowagiac, died March 15 at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Niles, 683-1155.

Beverly Herman, 81, Stevensville, died March 14 at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Niles, 683-1155.

Patricia Jane McDowell, 88, St. Joseph, died March 8 at Seminole Pavilion Rehab and Nursing Services, Seminole, Fla. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Vernon Dale Nichols, 57, New Buffalo, died March 9 at home. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Ronald A. "Ronnie" Richardson, 51, Sister Lakes, died March 14 at home. Yazel & Clark Chapel, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Heartha Whitlow, 92, St. Joseph, died March 13 at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph. Dey-Florin Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, St. Joseph, 983-1514.

Scientist's genetic profile yields unexpected diagnosis

By ERIN ALLDAY
San Francisco Chronicle

STANFORD, Calif. — A team of Stanford researchers unveiled Thursday the most detailed biological profile of a human being done so far: a peek at one man's genetic foundation, along with snapshots, taken dozens of times over the course of a year, of the millions of proteins and other molecules that are in constant flux in his body.

In a stroke of shocking good luck – for the scientists, if not necessarily the patient – the profile subject developed Type 2 diabetes during the study, allowing researchers to follow in real-time the molecular changes that take place as the illness progresses.

It also allowed the subject, Stanford geneticist Michael Snyder, to catch his diabetes early and stop it, most likely months or even years before he would have been diagnosed without the genetic profiling.

"This is the first time someone's actually analyzed the genome of a healthy person, predicted disease risk, and then by following him, actually saw a disease develop," said Snyder, who in addition to being the subject of the study was also the senior author.

Snyder's profile and an analysis of the results will be published Friday in the journal Cell. Snyder, chairman of the genetics department at Stanford, is not named in the published study due to privacy rules, but he volunteered to identify himself.

The research provides some of the first proof that detailed genetic profiling – beyond just DNA sequencing – could be used someday to not just predict an individual's chances of developing disease, but identify the smallest molecular changes that show when a person starts to become ill, Snyder and his colleagues said.

The first human genome – a map of all of the DNA in a human cell – was announced in 2000. Seven or eight years later geneticists began mapping the genomes of specific individuals. Such personal genomic sequencing is expected to become widely available later this year, at a cost of several thousand dollars.

Using genetic information to help diagnose and treat patients is still a very new field, although it's growing rapidly. Certain key genes have been found to greatly increase the risk of breast cancer, for example, or the deadly Huntington's disease, and doctors will regularly test for those genes when someone is diagnosed with an illness or when a close family member is known to have a disease.

But for most people, DNA sequencing and other biological profiling isn't yet useful – subjects would end up with a lot of unwieldy information that is mostly beyond modern scientific understanding or far too expensive to analyze.

The Stanford research doesn't change the hurdles to biological profiling, but it does prove that there's value in such profiling if it can be made practical and cost-effective, Snyder said.

His team of geneticists started the study by mapping Snyder's genome. Over 14 months, they also profiled all of the proteins in his body at specific points in time, in addition to the molecules produced during cellular metabolism; antibodies that work against his own cells; and RNA transcripts, which are made during the process of turning DNA into RNA.

Snyder's genomic profile identified right away that Snyder was at increased risk for Type 2 diabetes, as well as a type of anemia, high cholesterol and emphysema. He'd already known about the other risk factors, but the diabetes was a surprise, Snyder said.

An even bigger surprise was when he got a viral infection halfway through the study, and a molecular snapshot showed his body wasn't regulating glucose the way it should. Shortly thereafter, another blood test showed that his insulin levels had increased dramatically, and Snyder went for an exam with his regular doctor. He learned then that he had diabetes.

Girl, war vet dead in murder-suicide

GILROY, Calif. (AP) — An Iraq War veteran who may be suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder shot and killed his 11-year-old sister Thursday before taking his own life in a murder-suicide, police said.

Meanwhile, investigators said they were frantically searching for the mother of shooter Abel Gutierrez, 27, who they feared also may have been also may have been killed or seriously injured.

"It's horrible. We have no idea where she is," Gilroy police Sgt. Chad Gallacinao told The Associated Press. "We are desperately trying to find her."

Police were called to the Gutierrez apartment Wednesday night after a roommate came home, suspected something was wrong, and went back outside. Arriving officers found the bodies of Gutierrez and his sister dead from gunshot wounds, Gallacinao said.

There was no sign of their mother Martha Gutierrez, 52. However, police found clues inside the home that indicated she may be seriously hurt – or worse.

"We do believe based on the evidence at the scene that she is either critically wounded or deceased," Gallacinao said.

Police said they had contact with Abel Gutierrez as recently as late last month.

Mario Reyes, a neighbor who lives beneath the Gutierrez family, told KNTV-TV that he thought he heard a scuffle – but no gunshots – around the time police say the shooting occurred.

Gallacinao said officers found at least two firearms used in the killings, but he would not say whether Gutierrez left a suicide note.

Abel Gutierrez served in the Army and had recently returned from Iraq. His family suspected he was suffering from PTSD, Gallacinao said.

Police had been called to his apartment on Feb. 29, but Gutierrez did not seem dangerous and did not meet the criteria to place on a psychiatric hold, Gallacinao said.

Instead, police began working with the family and Office of Veterans Affairs in Palo Alto to help him.

Gutierrez had been receiving care at a VA facility in Puget Sound, Wash., confirmed Kerrie Childress, a spokeswoman for the Department of Veterans Affairs Care System in Palo Alto. She said she could not provide further details.

Getting it straight

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Small plane crash in western N.C. kills 5

FRANKLIN, N.C. (AP) — Authorities say five people have died after a small private plane crashed while trying to land at an airport in western North Carolina.

Macon County Airport manager Neil Hoppe said the county medical examiner indicated five people died in Thursday's crash. The identities of the victims haven't been released.

A spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration says the Cessna Citation aircraft left Venice Municipal Airport in Florida for the airport in Macon County, about 75 miles east of the Tennessee state line.

Hoppe said the plane's right wing tip struck the ground after it veered to the right, causing the plane to flip and burst into flames.

Investigators for the FAA were at the site of the crash Thursday. The exact cause of the crash wasn't immediately known.

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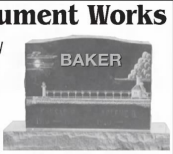

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Do you remember?

25 years ago

Guard John Laskarides is known for his defensive prowess, but Tuesday night the 6-0 senior grabbed the spotlight with a late offensive contribution. Laskarides canned a 20-foot jump shot from the right corner with two seconds remaining to give the Shamrocks a thrilling 39-37 Class C district basketball win over Edwardsburg.

35 years ago

Tri-Unit fire department veteran Donald "Bud" Rothermel was honored on retirement from the department which serves Stevensville village and townships of Lincoln and Royalton. Retirement came after 27 years and was the first for the department. Presenting the plaque and badge were Hack Starbuck, fire chief and Harley Marschke, fire board chairman and Royalton Township supervisor. Service awards were also presented.

50 years ago

The St. Joseph River Yacht club was founded in the early 1910s – probably 1913 with dockage and boathouses in a cove near where the Paw Paw River, the ship canal and the St. Joseph River meet. There were about 10 or 12 members at the first but after World War I the ranks swelled to about 35. The present membership includes 280 families, largely from the St. Joseph and Benton Harbor area. Kent Hughes is the club commodore, aided by John Tiffany, vice commodore of power and Fred Grootendorst, vice commodore of sail, James Taylor, rear commodore.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, March 16, the 76th day of 2012. There are 290 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 16, 1912, future first lady Pat Nixon was born Thelma Catherine Ryan in Ely, Nev.

On this date:

In A.D. 37, Roman emperor Tiberius died; he was succeeded by Caligula.

In 1521, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Philippines, where he was killed by natives the following month.

In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.

In 1802, President Thomas Jefferson signed a measure authorizing the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In 1850, Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel "The Scarlet Letter" was first published.

In 1926, rocket science pioneer Robert H. Goddard successfully tested the first liquid-fueled rocket, in Auburn, Mass.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces declared they had secured Iwo Jima.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre of Vietnamese civilians was carried out by U.S. Army troops; estimates of the death toll vary between 347 and 504.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Isolated T-storms	Isolated T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
71°	55°	73° / 55°	75° / 56°	72° / 54°	71° / 54°

Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 71°, humidity of 83%. Southeast wind 5 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise . . . . . 7:55 a.m.
Sunset . . . . . 7:54 p.m.
Moonrise . . . . . 4:19 a.m.
Moonset . . . . . 2:09 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
3/22	3/30	4/6	4/13

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor yesterday

Temperature

High . . . . . 75 R°
Low . . . . . 62°
Normal High . . . . . 45°
Normal Low . . . . . 27°
Record High . . . . . 73° in 1973
Record Low . . . . . 4° in 1993

Precipitation

Yesterday . . . . . 0.00"
Month to date . . . . . 1.33"
Normal month to date . . . . 0.98"
Year to date . . . . . 4.10"
Normal year to date . . . . 4.98"

Air Quality

Yesterday 51
Main Offender . . . . . Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

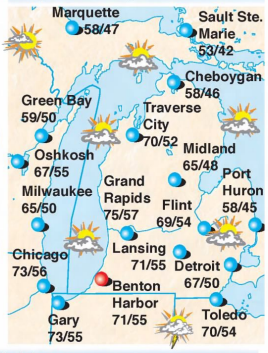
0-50 . . . . . Good
51-100 Moderate
101-150 Sensitive
101-150 Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What was Benjamin Franklin's contribution to meteorology?

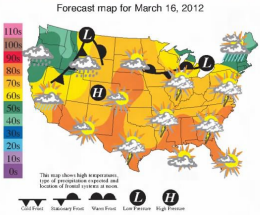
Answer: He showed that lightning is electricity.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for March 16, 2012



Lake Michigan

Southeast winds 10 to 15 kt today becoming south. Areas of dense fog. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 40 degrees. South winds 10 to 20 kt tonight. Areas of dense fog.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Expect mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies today. Saturday we will continue to see mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies. Skies will be partly cloudy to cloudy Sunday.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy. Saturday, skies will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Expect partly cloudy to cloudy skies Sunday with scattered showers and thunderstorms.

Auction

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sold.

Item listings with pictures will be posted at the firm's website, www.ersmi.com. Auctions are held every two weeks, and winning bidders pick up their purchases from the company.

County departments getting rid of surplus and obsolete property can set starting bids.

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Oklahoma executes man for wife's 1996 slaying

By KATIE FRETLAND
Associated Press

McALESTER, Okla. — An Oklahoma man convicted of killing his wife with help from a relative of his mistress to collect insurance money was put to death by injection Thursday.

Timothy Shaun Stemple shook his head no when asked if he had any last words, as members of his family and his wife's sat separately from each other watching the condemned man through glass.

The 46-year-old Stemple gasped for about 20 seconds, his eyes opened and he groaned. He then laid still with closed eyes and his face turned pale. He was pronounced dead at 6:11 p.m.

His family had asked the governor to stay the execution so that medical testimony disputing his accomplice's account of the 1996 attack on Trisha Stemple could be heard in court. Stemple's mother, his 21-year-old daughter and his sisters held each other by their hands and arms as he was being put to death. One of his sisters held his crying daughter's face close to hers.

Afterward, Trisha Stemple's sister, Deborah Ruddick-Bird, said the day was not about Timothy Stemple. She said it was "about justice, finality and closure for my gorgeous sister, Trisha, and my family."

Trisha Stemple, 30, was beaten with a plastic-covered baseball bat and run over by a pickup truck Oct. 24, 1996, along a Tulsa highway. Her husband maintained his innocence throughout the trial and appeals process.

Photos show rare glimpse of life in N. Korea

By MARIA SANMINIATELLI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — An exhibit that opened Thursday offered New Yorkers a rare glimpse of life inside North Korea, including children singing in a theater, stark views of Pyongyang at dusk and North Koreans bowing before a monument of the nation's founder, Kim Il Sung.

"Windows on North Korea: Photographs From the DPRK," is a joint exhibition by The Associated Press and the state-run Korean Central News Agency, and features a mix of archival and contemporary images.

The show was timed to open before the 100th anniversary of the birth of Kim Il Sung on April 15 and comes two months after the AP expanded its operations in Pyongyang to include writers and photojournalists. The AP became the first international news organization to have a full-time presence in the secretive communist country when it opened a video bureau in 2006.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States have never had formal diplomatic relations, and the two nations have experienced tensions over the years, particularly over Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions. North Korea has tested two atomic devices in the past six years.

Tensions have recently eased somewhat. Late last month, the United States and North Korea announced an agreement that calls for Pyongyang to freeze its nuclear activities in exchange for food aid. Days later, a senior North Korean nuclear envoy traveled to the U.S. to attend a university forum while the U.S. and North Korea held more talks in Beijing to finalize the food aid.

"It is our hope that this exhibition would give exhibition-goers visual understanding of the people, customs, culture and history of the DPRK, thereby helping to deepen mutual understanding and improve the bilateral relations," Kim Chang Gwang, KCNA's senior vice president, said in an address at the show's opening.

Images on display included a 1953 KCNA photograph showing residents helping to rebuild Pyongyang's central district after the Korean War, AP photos documenting visits by foreign dignitaries, as well as everyday scenes ranging from sunbathers at the beach to shoppers inside a modern department store.

The photographs "give us rare views of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a nation of great interest to the world, though little known," said Kathleen Carroll, executive editor of the AP.

AP photo

Korean Central News Agency Senior Vice President Kim Chang Gwang (left) and Associated Press Senior Vice President and Executive Editor Kathleen Carroll shake hands during an opening reception for the Window on North Korea: Photographs from the DPRK photo exhibit in New York.

"In this exhibit, we are offered two perspectives of the DPRK – as viewed by her native daughters and sons from KCNA and by AP journalists visiting to chronicle news and daily life there. We can appreciate the different styles and techniques and points of view," Carroll said. "These photographs also show us that different people can find common ground," Carroll said.

Several of the photographs are by AP Chief Asia Photographer David Guttenfelder, who has made many reporting trips to North Korea since 2010.

"Daily life is really what I try to focus on when I'm there. ... It's unscripted, it's candid," Guttenfelder said. "For people to see their own life in other people's lives, I think it has a lot of power to break down barriers."

The show also includes images taken by KCNA journalists who participated in a joint workshop in October led by AP instructors. It runs from March 15 to April 13 at The 8th Floor gallery in New York City.

The AP, an independent news cooperative founded in New York and owned by its U.S. newspaper membership, has operations in more than 100 countries and employs nearly 2,500 journalists across the world in 300 locations.

Teacher

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students would laugh at, given my inclination to delve deeply into uncomfortable territory."

She said the offended student accepted her apology.

Burton said of the quiz question: "It's offensive because it's degrading to another community," which is predominantly black. He said such a question is hostile toward black students.

The Stevensville resident said there should have been a long-term suspension.

He said Lakeshore officials have tried to cover up the problem.

"The handling of the situation is almost as bad as the test itself," he said.

He said the school officials he talked with appeared more concerned about public perception than addressing the problem.

The incident comes about three months after school officials discovered and removed racially hostile graffiti from a restroom wall at Lakeshore High School.

Vujea's email statement said the district will organize a task force through Marcus Robinson to "explore ways to engage positively across the community."

Robinson is president of the Consortium for Community Development.

"The district is ... committed to being responsive to the concerns of families within the community," Vujea wrote. "When parents raise issues, district leaders seek to investigate and respond to the concerns in an appropriate fashion."

Schroeder said she moved to Southwest Michigan 10 years ago after teaching in Florida classrooms rich in diversity. She said she was surprised in Southwest Michigan by the animosity toward any dialogue about race.

"By my nature, I am a person who believes that open dialogue harbors productive change," she wrote in the Thursday evening email.

She said she attended a teachers workshop led by the Council for World-Class Communities, which explored ways to advance the dialogue.

Last year, she said, her students offered a teachable moment when they asked her about prom locales. When she suggested The Ideal Place in Benton Harbor's Arts District, "I was truly shocked at my students' reactions. They truly had not considered ... Benton Harbor."

And that's what inspired the test question, she said.

Schroeder said she will attend, at the district's request, the Institute on Healing Racism in Grand Rapids.

"It looks like an amazing program, and one that I eagerly will participate in," she wrote.

2010 Lakeshore graduate Lindsay Warner contacted the newspaper Thursday evening and said some 399 former and current Lakeshore students had entered their names on a Facebook page dedicated to supporting Schroeder.

"The students are in an uproar" over an alleged suspension, she said.

"I've never known her to be a racist," Warner said. "She's expanded my horizons."

Burton said some of the "uproar" has manifested itself as harassment of his daughter.

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Blago heads to federal prison

By ANNIE SWEENEY
Chicago Tribune

JEFFERSON COUNTY, Colo. — After a goodbye tour that stretched from Chicago's Ravenswood Manor neighborhood to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, Rod Blagojevich turned, waved and disappeared Thursday behind a darkened doorway of a federal prison.

Inside Federal Correctional Institution-Englewood, change came in an instant as Blagojevich left his media entourage and the hovering helicopters behind to start an afternoon intake that involved a strip search and mental evaluation.

The odyssey began Wednesday outside his Northwest Side home as Blagojevich delivered a campaign-style speech to hundreds of supporters and onlookers shortly after 5 p.m. so local TV stations could carry the spectacle live.

hp LOCAL

Kenyan mission offers window to world health care

By JOHN MATUSZAK
H-P Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — In Kenya, hospitals are still using respirators that date from the Nixon administration, and the arrival of a CT scanner is a big deal.

That's among the things Dr. Rick Johansen, medical director for the Berrien County Health Department, discovered on his latest mission trip to a hospital in Kenya.

He was in Haiti after 2010's devastating earthquake, and has been to west Africa, but this was his first trip to an east African nation, he told the board of health March 7.

He worked with Kenyan physicians and nurses, and nine medical professionals from Berrien County, at Tenwek Hospital in Bomet, Kenya. The hospital is a Level 5 in a system where 6 is the highest level. There are only two Level 6 hospitals in the entire country.

The medical director at Tenwek is Southwestern Medical Clinic surgeon Mike Chupp.

The team from Lakeland HealthCare that made the trip allowed the missionary staff physicians to leave for a two-week conference, which included continuing medical education.

Johansen gave a presentation at an international medical conference while abroad.

During his stay, Johansen had 97 children in his care. He treated everything from premature births to a hippo bite.

When he had to put one child on a respirator, he pulled a machine from a closet that was the same model he trained on in 1972.

Some of the hospital cribs are homemade. The hospital also had a sufficient collection of up-to-date isolettes (for pre-term infants) and home-built isolettes and cribs in a neonatal intensive care unit that could accommodate up to 50 infants.

Kenya has an infant mortality rate of 110 deaths before age 5 for every 1,000 children, Johansen said. In the United States, the rate is nine deaths before age five for every 1,000 births.

Kenya has made progress in its rate of child immunizations, Johansen said.

The leading causes of death for children in Kenya are diarrhea (caused by dirty water), pneumonia and premature birth. At the hospital, Johansen treated one infant that weighed less than 2 pounds.

When it's feeding time in the maternity ward, 40 women line up on benches to breast-feed the babies. Some babies are so small they have to be fed through a tube.

The leading causes of death for adults are HIV infection, tuberculosis and malaria, according to Johansen. Hotel rooms there have covers over the keyholes to keep out mosquitoes.

For the first time, cardiovascular disease is among the top five causes of death among adults in Kenya, the doctor reported. That's because of the rise in smoking among men, and a growing appetite for western-style fast food.

For the first time, fat people are showing up in Nairobi, Johansen said.

The acquisition of a CT scanner at Tenwek nine months ago was a major event, and the machine is kept running constantly.

Most of the ambulance service in the country is by motorcycle, Johansen told the board.

On most of his trips, including in Kenyan odyssey, Johansen takes along tennis balls for the kids. While the balls flying around the wards drive the nurses crazy, it's a big morale builder for the patients.

On this trip, Johansen brought used Matchbox cars. When he gave one to a boy, his mother said "it was the nicest thing he had ever had."

The pediatrician found the people to be kind and gracious.

Even after her child had died, one mother told him "thank you for all you've done."

Kenyans are emphasizing prevention in their health care effort. Their motto is "Stop a fire when it's small and far (away)," Johansen said.

They are being assisted by the Rotary Clubs, which makes donations for clean water projects, and the Finnish government, which is helping to build latrines.

After his African adventure (which included a safari) Johansen visited Lithuania, where he gave a public health talk at LCC International University. His son-in-law is the vice president of the university and his daughter teaches at a private school and at the university.

In Lithuania, liver disease, a result of alcoholism, and suicide, are leading causes of death. In fact, Lithuania has the world's highest rate of suicide, part of the lingering despair from Soviet occupation, Johansen said.

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Submitted photos

Dr. Rick Johansen meets with medical residents, interns, students and physicians' assistants at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya. The hospital is rated at a level 5, with 6 being the highest designation. There are only two level 6 hospitals in Kenya. Many are just getting such equipment as a CT scanner, and some use machines that are decades old.

LEFT: An infant recovers from pneumonia at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya, where Dr. Rick Johansen, pediatrician and medical director of the Berrien County Department of Health, recently visited as part of a medical mission. The child is lying in a homemade crib. Johansen had 97 children under his care during his visit and treated everything from malaria to a hippo bite. RIGHT: A Kenyan child who was born prematurely is treated at Tenwek Hospital. Dr. Rick Johansen brought the toy cars for the children, which one mother said was the nicest thing the boy had ever had.

South Haven Twp. pauses again on medical marijuana outlets

By ANDREW LERSTEN
H-P South Haven Bureau

SOUTH HAVEN — South Haven Township is extending its ban on medical marijuana dispensary businesses for another six months.

The legal issues surrounding medical marijuana are still too hazy, Township Supervisor Ross Stein said.

State legislators are working on new laws to clarify the state's medical marijuana law.

Township officials said they hope some of the complex legal issues related to medical marijuana can be resolved in the next six months, Stein said.

One of the biggest legal uncertainties is whether the ballot initiative approved by Michigan voters conflicts with the federal marijuana laws, he said.

The township originally had a six-month moratorium, so the extension will lengthen to a full year.

The Township Board on Wednesday night voted 5-1, with one member absent, to extend the ban.

Voting for it were Stein, Clerk Brenda Bertorelli, Treasurer Hillary Fisher and Trustees Sandy Dopp and Joan Pioch. Trustee Mel Jessup voted "no" and Trustee Mike DeGrandchamp was absent.

Jessup said the Michigan Township Association "frowns upon" extensions of such moratoriums.

"I've got a problem with the extension," Jessup said. "We ought to have done something in the last six months."

Jessup made a motion to extend the moratorium by only three months, but it failed due to lack of support.

In other matters, the board voted to place a five-year, three-quarter mill property tax renewal for police services on the Aug. 7 ballot.

The levy raises an estimated $110,000 to $115,000 toward the township's police services contract with the South Haven Police Department. The township uses general funds to cover the rest of the costs of the $175,000 annual contract, Stein said.

"I've heard nothing but good things about their coverage," Stein said of the police department.

Officer Mike Pauly, who was recently assigned to patrol the township, was introduced to the board last week.

The board, however, decided not to pursue a new recreation millage at this point.

"I'm not sure we want to flood the ballot with millages," Stein said.

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COVERT TWP.

Body possibly in ditch for months

Autopsy yields some clues about man's ID but no answer

By BECKY BURKERT
For the Herald-Palladium

COVERT — An autopsy didn't establish identity, but police said it has revealed several clues that could help lead experts to identity a decomposed body found Tuesday in a drainage ditch in Covert Township.

A policeman said the body could have been in the ditch for months.

The autopsy, done Wednesday at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, indicated that the man may have been black, with a beard and mustache and standing 5 feet 8 inches and weighing approximately 170 pounds, police said. He had no identification on him.

A news release Thursday from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department said the man had a tongue piercing and a tattoo on his inside right forearm that spelled "GLEE" or something similar. The letters were in what appeared to be calligraphy or Old English style.

The autopsy didn't reveal the man's age or how he died. "He wasn't shot or stabbed," said Rick Winans, Covert Township police chief. "There was no visible cause of death."

Police now will try to obtain fingerprints from the man in another attempt to identify him.

The body was discovered Tuesday morning in a ditch on 72nd Street, north of County Road 376, by a blueberry farmer.

"He was looking his property over and saw something floating in the water," Winans said. The farmer called Covert police, who arrived at the scene at 11:40 a.m. Winans estimated the body may have been in the ditch since last fall. "We'll see if we can get some fingerprints and go from there," he said.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Covert Township Police Department at 764-8100 or the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office at 657-7711.

Tax break for New Products Corp.

By KATE GENELLIE
H-P Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor's emergency manager has approved a tax exemption for New Products Corp., a manufacturing company on North Shore Drive.

The company requested a 12-year, 50 percent tax break for $860,000 worth of equipment. But Emergency Manager Joseph Harris approved the tax break for $1 million worth of equipment in a March 9 order posted to the city's website this week.

In Michigan, companies are taxed on personal property such as computers and machinery. New Products CEO Cheryl Miller said this tax break will help her company be more competitive.

"I'm really pleased we were approved," Miller said. "The abatement will help us be on a even playing field with our competition locally and worldwide."

Miller said her understanding is that the company is not obligated to spend the entire $1 million, though she added that because the larger amount was approved the company may spend more than $860,000.

New Products already has started purchasing new equipment and hiring more employees, Miller said. In New Products' application for the tax break, the company said six more employees would be hired, but Miller now says there could be even more than that.

The new equipment will allow the die casting company to make a part for a fuel-efficient engine, Miller said.

Miller presented the tax break request at a public hearing Feb. 29. Harris had previously approved establishing the New Products grounds as an industrial development district, the first part of a two-step process to allow for the tax break.

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Day care center planned for Shoreham

By WILLIAM F. AST III
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ST. JOSEPH — The Shoreham Village Council on Wednesday set a public hearing for April on a village resident's request to operate a day care center in her house.

Clerk Angie Larsen said the request was made by Mindy Holleman for her house at 2035 N. Garden Lane. Holleman has requested a license for seven to 12 children, she said.

Holleman will need a special use permit for the operation, Larsen said.

The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, prior to the Village Council's regular monthly meeting, Larsen said.

A public hearing on the village's proposed budget for fiscal 2012-13 will follow that hearing, Larsen said. The village's fiscal year starts April 1.

On both matters, residents may submit written comments to the clerk's office before the public hearings, Larsen said.

The council agreed to sign a memo of understanding with the Berrien County Village Association.

The memo spells out how the revived association will make decisions. Voting on any proposal calls for a 30-day delay while village representatives take the idea back to their village councils.

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ABOVE: Deborah Henson-Conant, Grammy-nominated recording artist, entertained students at Benton Harbor's MLK STEAM Magnet School Thursday. The electric harpist will perform as a guest artist at 7:30pm Saturday with the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra at LMC's Mendel Center. **INSET:** Deborah Henson-Conant answers a question from student Zarriah Powell.

Early-bird politicians

Several people have filed already in Oronoko for August primary, but some incumbents won't say

By DEBRA HAIGHT
H-P Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The election season is heating up already in Oronoko Township even though there are still two months to the partisan filing deadline for all seven Township Board seats.

Township Clerk Suzanne Renton reported at Tuesday night's Township Board meeting on filings for the Aug. 7 primary election. She noted that the partisan filing deadline for board seats and for other local, county and state offices is May 15 at 4 p.m.

Renton said people already have filed for clerk, treasurer and trustee seats in the Republican primary. She said she herself has filed to run again for clerk and that two people have filed to run for treasurer following incumbent Treasurer Kendall Hill's decision not to run. Two people have filed to run for four trustee seats.

Seeking the treasurer's job are former Berrien Springs village Councilman Michael Marsh and current Planning Commission member Larry Schalk.

The people who have filed already to run for trustee are newcomers Steve Curley and Robert Krause.

Township Supervisor Ernest Hildebrand has not filed for re-election yet and said after Tuesday's meeting that he was still undecided. Current Trustees Dorothy Hildebrand, Marc Kerlikowske, Philipp Riess and August Zielke have not said whether or not they will be running for re-election.

No financial strings

In other action Tuesday, board members voted unanimously to approve a resolution supporting the Berrien County Youth Fair's expo arena project after two board members received assurances that the resolution didn't commit the township to giving money to any entity.

Fair fundraising consultant Jack Strayer said Wednesday that the idea for the resolution, which is being approved by all six government entities along the Shawnee Road corridor, came from the Bridgman/Lake Township Economic Growth Alliance as part of its support of the Shawnee Road "wayfinding" project.

Strayer said the resolution is also being put before Berrien Springs, Baroda Township, the village of Baroda, Bridgman and Lake Township. He said the idea is to show support for the expo arena project as one of the anchors of the Shawnee Road corridor.

The six municipalities have been working for more than a year to find ways to promote the Shawnee Road corridor with better "wayfinding" and informational signage.

As for the status of the fair expo project, he said fair officials are waiting for terms to be worked out with Inovateus Solar on a solar green energy project using the expo arena roof.

That agreement could provide the final amount of funding the fair needs to get to the $5 million level and start breaking ground this spring. Strayer said the fair has raised around $4 million so far toward the total $17 million needed to complete it.

Townships balk on fire truck buy

By MARK FONTECCHIO
H-P Correspondent

Hagar and Coloma townships will delay on whether to buy two new fire trucks for at least another month, a move that is frustrating North Berrien Fire Rescue Board members.

The Coloma City Commission voted last month to let the fire board buy the new trucks, which would be funded through a millage voters approved in the three communities in 2010. But the purchase idea is getting pushback from Coloma and Hagar township board members, some of whom say they didn't know the fire board would be so aggressive in buying new trucks.

"The original campaign was to purchase the trucks over time," said Hagar Township Supervisor Izzy DiMaggio. "There are some members concerned about buying them now instead of over time."

The Fire Board went before the Hagar Township Board on Monday hoping for a vote. Instead, the township board set up a special information meeting for next Wednesday. DiMaggio said he doesn't expect the board to vote on anything until its April 9 meeting.

The Fire Board went before the Coloma Township board on Wednesday. But Township Board members said they wanted to finish the township budget and study finances before making any decision on buying the trucks. The board will not likely address the issue until its April 11 meeting.

"I'm still waiting on what rate we could get and what the payments would be," township Trustee Jim Fulton said. "We're working on our budget and we need to make sure all our ducks are in a row."

The two new trucks – a pumper and a tanker – would cost about $575,000. They would replace two trucks that are 26- and 30-years-old. Fire Board members say that if the townships don't vote on the purchase soon, the Fire Board may have to again solicit bids from truck makers.

Fire Board member Tim Sewcyck said the purchase schedule has been accelerated because the department needs the trucks. He said that buying trucks now would save the three communities money, noting inflation and today's low-interest rates. He gave Coloma Township trustees a report Wednesday showing how the trucks would cost the township about $27,000 more if they were purchased next year instead of this.

The half-mill approved in 2010 is for 10 years with its purpose to buy four trucks. The fire department received the first truck, a $450,000 rescue pumper, near the end of last year.

In brief

Fugitive found, along with meth

GOBLES — Police found a wanted fugitive hiding in his aunt's house in Bloomingdale Township Thursday morning. They said they also found methamphetamine and ingredients to make meth there.

Chad Krier, 23, Gobles, was taken into custody at 8 a.m. Thursday at the house in the 34000 block of Homewood Drive after Krier's aunt allowed police to come in and look for him, said Van Buren County Sheriff's Sgt. David Walker.

Krier was found hiding under a bed, with a half-gram of meth and assorted meth ingredients, including 178 Sudafed tablets and some coffee filters, Walker said.

Police said they will ask the prosecutor's office to authorize drug charges.

Bowens to host BH town hall meeting

BENTON HARBOR — An "In Brief" item that ran in Wednesday's Herald-Palladium gave the incorrect date for an upcoming town hall meeting that will be hosted by Benton Harbor City Commissioner Trenton Bowens. The meeting will take place at 11 a.m. March 31 at 275 Pipestone Ave. in Benton Harbor.

Three Oaks queen gowns sale Saturday

THREE OAKS — The Three Oaks Pageant Committee will have its sixth annual Gown Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at The Gathering church, 301 N Elm St., the committee announced.

People with gowns taking up space in their closets can bring them to the church from 6 to 8 p.m. today. Donors set their own prices, and for $5 each organizers will try to sell the gowns.

The money funds scholarships for the Mr. and Miss Three Oaks contests.

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5Q Five questions with ...

Fuzz and Carrie Sangiovanni

of Caravan of Thieves

By JEREMY D. BONFIGLIO
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(From left) Ben Dean, Carrie Sangiovanni, Fuzz Sangiovanni and Brian Anderson are Caravan of Thieves. The band is playing at 8 p.m. tonight at Foundry Hall in South Haven.
Photo provided

SOUTH HAVEN — Fuzz and Carrie Sangiovanni, the husband-and-wife team at the center of Caravan of Thieves, continue to push their musical collaboration with last month's release of "The Funhouse."

The sophomore studio release expands on the driving gypsy jazz rhythms, acoustic guitars, upright bass and violin that provides the foundation for the Sangiovannis' vocal harmonies, to include some of the more unusual found objects, claps, snaps and sing-a longs that encompass their live sets.

"There's always been a good energy at our shows," Fuzz Sangiovanni says by telephone during a stop outside Columbus, Ohio. "We've been out on tour for a couple weeks now with the new album and people who have been coming out have been really responsive and positive. We kind of rely on interaction with the audience and there's been a lot of that going on lately."

Along with violinist Ben Dean and double bassist Brian Anderson, the Sangiovannis will make a tour stop tonight at Foundry Hall in South Haven.

Q So what came first for the two of you, the musical collaboration or the personal one?

CS: It kind of happened at the same time. I was in Burlington, Vt., doing a solo singer-songwriter project and Fuzz was up there with a rock, funky band. We met and about a month later we had our first gig together. He was trying to move into a direction of playing more acoustic shows and booking solo gigs. So his agent booked him a show at this theater, and he asked me to join him because he didn't have that much material.

FS: I was also very scared.

CS: (laughs) There was some of that, too. When we got onstage we played some of my songs some of his songs and we really clicked in that first performance. It felt right and we started to write together and mesh our styles and now with this band we really have found what we were striving to get to.

Q You seemed to define your style right out of the gate with your 2009 debut, "Bouquet," so how do you think your sound has evolved, particularly on "The Funhouse"?

FS: We were trying to move the sound forward a bit with this collection of songs. We kind of built the band on the sound of Gypsy jazz and swing-era music to fuse with Carrie and I's songwriting. Now we're trying to bring in some different kinds of sounds, so besides our regular acoustic instruments, I was playing banjo and ukulele, resonator guitar ..

CS: ... also some garbage cans. That was one of those pleasant surprises for us. The engineer we were working with was all about pushing the boundaries and trying out some fun percussive sounds. We left some room for experimentation and came up with some pretty fun stuff for the backing rhythm tracks.

Q What was the thought behind that and can you give me an example of a song where you thought that really worked?

CS: This record compared to our first studio album, we wanted to give it a little bit of an edge and backbone to it. That's why we added all the percussion behind the songs. I think you can really hear how that works on "Eat You," which is just a fun song. I think the song came out really rocking, especially for us, there's some real grit to it.

Q Do you have any personal favorites off the album?

CS: "Raise the Dead," which is the fourth track, is the one we just made a music video for and the one that we often close the show with. We get off the stage and play it all acoustic. We have the whole audience come gather around us and it becomes this big group sing-a-along. There's stomping and clapping and by the end everyone has these huge smiles. It's just been a really moving moment every night.

FS: At the end of that song lately, we've been taking it one step further, getting them together for a group photo that we put up on our Facebook page the next day. It's almost like going on a roller coaster and getting the picture when you get off.

Q Now, I know both of you like using found objects onstage either as props or as a musical device. What have you brought out so far on this tour?

FS: Whatever we find we try to bring them onto the stage with us. Whether it's clothing or decorations or something. One of the things I've been using is this liquor box. It was something my uncle had. He was 96 when he passed away, and was the ultimate junk collector. He made us look like amateurs. When we visit my aunt she says, 'You want to take some stuff home with you?' The last time we were there was this box, and it makes this great sound. So that's become a favorite. And there's also been this pot that just has a great ring to it. That's also been a nice addition to the show.

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'Act of Valor'

After the rescue of a kidnapped CIA operative leads to the discovery of a terrorist plot against the U.S., a team of Navy Seals is dispatched on a worldwide manhunt to foil the attack. Rated R for strong violence including some torture, and for language. Running time: 111 minutes.

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In this animated film, a 12-year-old boy searching for the key to winning over his dream girl must confront a mysterious grumpy creature who is protective of his homeland. Features the voices of Danny DeVito, Ed Helms, Zac Efron and Taylor Swift. Also in 3-D. Rated Rated PG for bried mild language. Running time: 86 minutes.

'John Carter'

A former military captain is mysteriously transported to Mars, where he reluctantly becomes involved in an epic conflict among planet's inhabitants. Also in 3-D. Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action. Running time: 132 minutes.

'Journey 2: The Mysterious Island'

A family embarks on an adventure to a mysterious island in this sequel to the 2008 film "Journey to the Center of the Earth." Also in Imax 3-D. Rated PG for some adventure action, and brief mild language. Running time: 98 minutes.

'Project X'

Three ordinary high school seniors attempt to make a name for themselves by throwing an unforgettable party, which spirals way out of control. Stars Kirby Bliss Blanton, Jonathan Daniel Brown, Oliver Cooper and Alexis Knapp. Rated R for crude and sexual content throughout, nudity, drugs, drinking, pervasive language, reckless behavior and mayhem - all involving teens. Running time: 88 minutes.

'Safe House'

A rogue CIA operative who has been on the run for a decade forms an unlikely partnership with a frustrated rookie agent. Stars Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds and Vera Farmiga. Rated R for strong violence throughout and some language. Running time: 115 minutes.

'Silent House'

A young woman panics and tries to escape after she finds herself locked inside her family's secluded lake house. Stars Elizabeth Olsen, Adam Trese and Eric Sheffer Stevens. Rated R for disturbing violent content and terror. Running time: 85 minutes.

'This Means War'

Two deadly CIA partners and best friends fall for the same woman and employ their skills and arsenals against each other to win her over. Rated PG-13 for sexual content including references, some violence and action, and for language. Running time: 100 minutes.

'Tyler Perry's Good Deeds'

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'The Vow'

After waking from a coma caused by a car accident, a newlywed wife copes with severe memory loss while her husband tries to win her heart again. Stars Rachel McAdams, and Channing Tatum. Rated PG-13 for an accident scene, sexual content, partial nudity and some language. Running time: 104 minutes.

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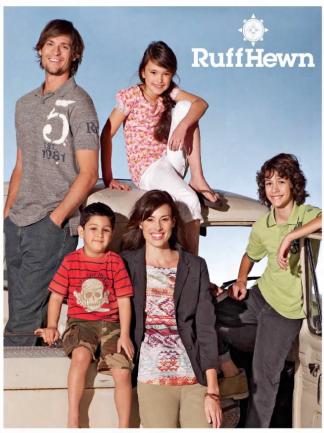

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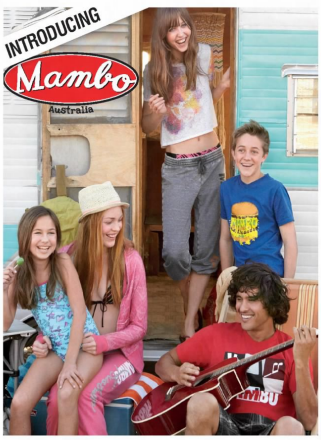

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COLLEGE UPDATES

Sheffer, Williams preparing for NCAA tournament

Michael Conroy / AP

Michigan center Rachel Sheffer (left) drives on Ohio State center Ashley Adams in the first half of a Big Ten tournament game.

By H-P STAFF

Michigan's women's basketball team is in the NCAA tournament for the first time in 11 years, and one of the reasons has been the play of Watervliet graduate Rachel Sheffer.

A junior for the Wolverines, Sheffer leads the 20-11 squad with a 13.1 point per game average. Sheffer is also second on the team with 4.7 rebounds per game and has a team-high 34 blocked shots.

"It's something we've been working for for a couple of years now," Sheffer said in an interview on Michigan's athletic web site. "It's a great accomplishment for us."

Michigan received an 11 seed and will face sixth-seeded Oklahoma at approximately 7:35 p.m. Sunday on the Sooners' home court in Norman, Okla.

Benton Harbor graduate Destiny Williams is also preparing for the NCAA women's tournament as a member of unbeaten and No. 1-ranked Baylor.

Williams, a junior, averages 9.9 points and 9.3 rebounds. She had 12 points and 11 rebounds in Baylor's 73-50 win over Texas A&M in the Big 12 tournament championship game and was named to the all-tournament team.

Teamed with 6-foot-8 standout Brittney Griner, Williams helps give the Bears a potent inside game.

"If you look at what Destiny does around Brittney and through Brittney, she never stops what's she's been asked to do: rebound the ball, score, put back, shoot the jumper at the foul line," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said after the Big 12 tournament final. "Destiny has done that consistently."

A top seed in the NCAA tournament, Baylor will face California-Santa Barbara at 2:45 p.m. Sunday in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Another former area athlete is involved in the NCAA women's tournament as a coach.

Andy Bloodworth, who played for St. Joseph and is the daughter of former St. Joseph girls coach Rick Bloodworth, is in her fifth year as an assistant coach at

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Jeff Tuttle / AP

Baylor forward Destiny Williams (10) shoots over Kansas State's Branshea Brown in the second half of a Big 12 tournament game.

No slowing down

Michael Conroy / AP

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo argues with an official in the first half of Sunday's Big Ten tournament championship game against Ohio State.

Izzo remains driven as Spartans head into NCAA tournament

By LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Tom Izzo put his head back and his feet up, crossing his left ankle over his right leg on the corner of an airplane seat where his young son was sitting.

Almost instantly, the man who has guided Michigan State to six Final Fours was sound asleep — mouth agape. The private plane had yet to even take off.

When you're a guy like Izzo, you take a few winks when and where you can.

Those who know the Spartans coach say that, far from slowing down as the victories have piled up — from the national championship in 2000 to a string of Final Four appearances and Big Ten titles — he's only driven himself harder.

His mission on this particular evening in mid-February, during a grueling five-games-in-13-days stretch — when NCAA rules wouldn't permit him to say more than hello to prospects — took him about 370 miles by air and road just to see two recruits and be seen by them as they played a high school game in Chicago. Izzo allowed an Associated Press reporter to go along for the trip.

"The more success he has had, the harder he has worked," said Indiana coach Tom Crean, who was an Izzo assistant from 1995-99. "After working with him early on as a head coach, I wouldn't have thought that was possible."

As Izzo prepares for his 15th straight NCAA tournament — the top-seeded Spartans play Long Island University-Brooklyn on Friday in Columbus, Ohio — he's on the job more than ever.

"I think I'm so paranoid about being one of those people who they say, 'He got satisfied,"' Izzo said Monday. "I vowed that wouldn't happen to me and the day it does, I'm walking off."

Part of staying hungry means, despite his stellar resume and $3.49 million in annual compensation, the 57-year-old Izzo makes a point of being accessible.

One of his longtime secretaries, Beth Marinez, jokes about how many "F-O-Ts" — friend of Tom's — there are, especially this time of year when his countless number of acquaintances are calling for tickets.

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Michigan hoping to learn from loss

By BETH RUCKER
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Michigan coach John Beilein says there's treasure in losses if players look for it beyond their disappointment.

The Wolverines have put that approach into practice. Instead of wallowing after getting thumped by rival Ohio State, they went back to work.

"Usually your mistakes are going to stand out a little bit more after a loss," Beilein said Thursday. "So we've been able to take defeat and turn it into a great learning experience."

Now Michigan (24-9) is hoping the reward following the 22-point loss to Ohio State in the Big Ten tournament semifinals is a run in the NCAA tournament. The fourth-seeded Wolverines face No. 13 seed Ohio today in the second round.

Ohio (27-7) is back in the NCAA tournament two years after upsetting third-seeded Georgetown 97-83 as a No. 14 seed. The Bobcats who were around for that game aren't expecting to get any boost from it against Michigan, though.

"We know that's in the past," Ohio junior guard D.J. Cooper said. "We just know that we've got to beat a better team tomorrow night, and we have to come out and play hard, and we know that Georgetown, that doesn't even matter anymore."

What matters to Bobcats coach John Groce is that his team has won eight of its last nine, including a one-point victory against favored Akron in the Mid-American Conference tournament championship.

"I think sometimes January and February become a little bit of a grind, and you've got to be able to grab your guys and get them focused on getting a little bit better every day," he said. "Teams are either going to trend upward or downward, and I'm blessed to be around a group of guys and players that have trended upward here towards the end of the year."

While Ohio was celebrating its MAC tournament title, Michigan was spending extra time in the film room and on the practice court. Beilein calls post-loss film study "instructional clips," and senior guard Stu Douglass knows it's best to keep a similarly positive attitude about it.

It's paid off for the Wolverines, who haven't lost two games in a row all season and have won games after losses by average 10.7 points.

"You've got to put pride aside and grow up a little bit, just take responsibility for your own actions and move on and ask yourself

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Midseason streak lifted Notre Dame

By AARON BEARD
AP Basketball Writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Notre Dame entered conference play struggling to find some confidence after a frustrating start to the year that included losing their best player to injury.

Xavier was trying to regroup, too, though more from an ugly brawl with a rival in December that threatened to derail the entire season.

Neither the Fighting Irish nor the Musketeers looked like they'd make it back to the NCAA tournament this season. Yet they're meeting in today's South Regional, proof that they were tough enough to figure out a way to regroup and salvage a season that was going nowhere just two months ago.

"We've definitely had our bumps in the road," Xavier senior Kenny Frease said, "but as a team, I think we've been able to really come together the past few weeks."

He could've been speaking about either team.

The seventh-seeded Fighting Irish (22-11) lost preseason all-Big East pick Tim Abromaitis to a season-ending knee injury in November, then lost four of nine to start the season. They stood at just 11-8 in the middle of January before a nine-game winning streak — starting against unbeaten Syracuse — finally got Notre Dame moving in the right direction.

That's when a team that looked different than what coach Mike Brey had envisioned in preseason finally started to figure out how to win with its new makeup. Junior forward Jack Cooley improved from averaging about four points last year to 12 points and nine

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In brief

Cubs send player to Boston in Epstein deal

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — The Chicago Cubs have sent a minor league pitcher to Boston as part of the compensation deal for hiring executive Theo Epstein.

The Cubs traded 21-year-old righty Aaron Kurcz to Boston on Thursday. He was 5-4 with a 3.28 ERA last season as a starter and reliever at Class A Daytona.

The Cubs previously sent reliever Chris Carpenter to Boston. The Red Sox still owe a player to Chicago to complete the deal.

Bears, Idonije agree to 1-year deal

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Free-agent defensive end Israel Idonije has agreed to a one-year contract with the Bears.

The move was announced on Thursday.

Idonije had five sacks last season after contributing eight in 2010 — his first year as a starter — but remained a key figure on defense. Re-signing Idonije is the latest move in a busy week for the Bears, who traded for Pro Bowl receiver Brandon Marshall and signed backup quarterback Jason Campbell.

Airwaves

Television today

9:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Andalucia Valderrama Masters, Second Round. From Sotogrande, Spain. (Live)
10:30 a.m. (Speed) **NASCAR Racing** Nationwide Series: Bristol, Practice. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **Winter X Games Europe** Women's Snowboard, Slopestyle Final. From Tignes, France. (Same-day Tape)
(Speed) **NASCAR Racing** Sprint Cup: Bristol, Practice. (Live)
2 3 22 **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Cincinnati vs. Texas. (Live)
12:30 p.m. (TRUTV) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: N.C. State vs. Sandiego State. (Live)
1:30 p.m. (TBS) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Alabama vs. Creighton. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (Speed) **NASCAR Racing** Nationwide Series: Bristol, Final Practice. (Live)
(TNT) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Florida vs. Virginia. (Live)
2:30 p.m. 2 3 22 **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Florida State vs. St. Bonaventure. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Transitions Championship, Second Round. From Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club in Palm Harbor, Fla. (Live)
(TRUTV) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Belmont vs. Georgetown. (Live)
3:30 p.m. (Speed) **NASCAR Racing** Sprint Cup: Bristol, Qualifying. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **ATP Tennis** BNP Paribas Open, Men's Third Quarterfinal. From Indian Wells, Calif. (Live)
(TBS) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: North Carolina vs. Vermont (Live)
4:30 p.m. (TNT) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Missouri vs. Norfolk State. (Live)
5:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **College Hockey** Hockey East, First Semifinal. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** RR Donnelley Founders Cup, Second Round. From Phoenix. (Live)
6:45 p.m. (TBS) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Memphis vs. St. Louis. (Live)
7:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Duke vs. Lehigh. (Live)
(Bigten) **Women's College Gymnastics** Michigan State at Michigan. (Live)
(ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Miami Heat at Philadelphia 76ers. (Live)
7:15 p.m. (TNT) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Michigan vs. Ohio. (Live)
(TRUTV) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Purdue vs. St. Mary's. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Csnch) **NBA Basketball** Portland Trail Blazers at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **Boxing** Tim Coleman vs. Kendall Holt. From Cabazon, Calif. (Live)
9:15 p.m. (TBS) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Michigan State vs. LIU-Brooklyn. (Live)
9:30 p.m. 2 3 22 **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Notre Dame vs. Xavier. (Live)
(ESPN) **NBA Basketball** San Antonio Spurs at Oklahoma City Thunder. (Live)
9:45 p.m. (TNT) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Temple vs. California-South Florida winner. (Live)
9:55 p.m. (TRUTV) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Second Round: Detroit vs. Kansas. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (FoxSports) **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Phoenix Suns. (Live)
11:00 p.m. (Showtime) **Boxing** Jose Luis Araiza vs. Randy Caballero. Araiza vs.Caballero, WBC Youth Intercontinental super bantamweight title. (Live)

Saturday

9:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Open de Andalucia, Third Round. From Spain. (Live)
9:30 a.m. (Speed) **NASCAR Racing** Sprint Cup: Bristol, Practice. From Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tenn. (Live)
10:00 a.m. (FoxSports) **Girls High School Basketball** MHSAA Class D Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
10:30 a.m. (Speed) **NASCAR Racing** Nationwide Series: Bristol, Qualifying. From Bristol Motor Speedway in Tenn. (Live)
11:00 a.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** NIT Tournament — Massachusetts at Seton Hall. Second round. (Live)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** NCAA Tournament, First Round. Whip-around coverage. (Live)
12:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Third Round: Teams TBA. (Live)
(FoxSports) **Girls High School Basketball** MHSAA Class A Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. From Mt. Pleasant, Mich. (Live)
(Speed) **NASCAR Racing** Sprint Cup: Bristol, Final Practice. From Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tenn. (Live)
1:00 p.m. 5 8 16 **Gymnastics** 2012 Pacific Rim Championships. From Everett, Wash. (Taped)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** NCAA Tournament, First Round. Whip-around coverage includes Michigan State vs. Louisville. (Live)
1:30 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Transitions Championship, Third Round. From Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club in Palm Harbor, Fla. (Live)
2:00 p.m. 7 13 26 41 57 **ATP Tennis** BNP Paribas Open: Men's Semifinals. (Live)
(ESPN) **NASCAR Racing** Nationwide Series: Ford EcoBoost 300. From Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn. (Live)
2:30 p.m. 2 3 22 **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Third Round: Teams TBA. (Live)
3:00 p.m. 5 8 16 **PGA Tour Golf** Transitions Championship, Third Round. (Live)
3:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** NCAA Tournament, First Round. Whip-around coverage. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (FoxSports) **Girls High School Basketball** MHSAA Class C Tournament, Final. (Live)
(Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** RR Donnelley Founders Cup, Third Round. From Phoenix. (Live)
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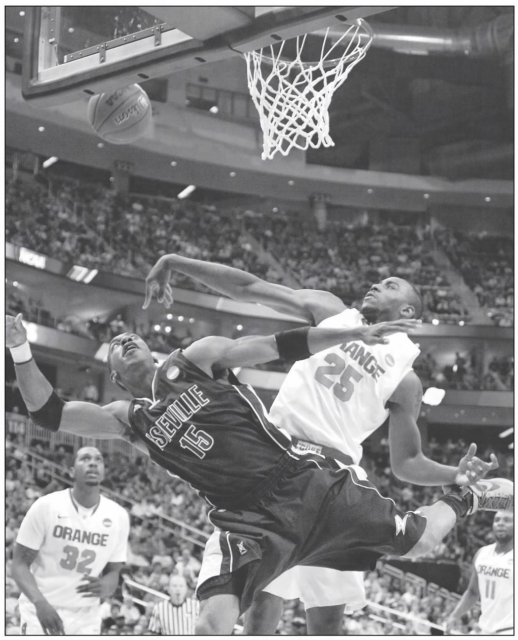
6:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** NCAA Tournament, First Round. Whip-around coverage. (Live)
(TNT) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Third Round: Teams TBA. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (TBS) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Third Round: Teams TBA. (Live)
7:30 p.m. 2 3 22 **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Third Round: Teams TBA. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Wrestling** NCAA Championship, Final. From St. Louis. (Live)
(FoxSports) **College Hockey** CCHA Mason Cup: Teams TBA. From Detroit. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (98) (9C) **NBA Basketball** Philadelphia 76ers at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (TNT) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Third Round: Teams TBA. (Live)
9:30 p.m. (TBS) **2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament** Third Round: Teams TBA. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (HBO) **Boxing** Matthew Macklin vs. Sergio Martinez, Middleweights. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (FoxSports) (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at San Jose Sharks. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)

Radio today

7:30 p.m.
College basketball — NCAA tournament, Michigan vs. Ohio (WSJM-AM, 1400)
8 p.m.
NBA — Blazers at Bulls (WMVP-AM, 1000)
8:30 p.m.
NHL — Blackhawks at Stars (WGN-AM, 720)
9 p.m.
College basketball — NCAA tournament, Michigan State vs. LIU-Brooklyn (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

Saturday

8 p.m.
NBA — 76ers at Bulls (WMVP-AM, 1000)



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Syracuse's Rakeem Christmas (25) swats at the ball on a shot by UNC-Asheville's Jeremy Atkinson (15) during the second half of Thursday's game.

Staying alive

No. 1 seed Syracuse avoids upset bid by UNC-Asheville

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Reserve forward James Southerland had 15 points and a season-high eight rebounds, and Syracuse avoided becoming the first No. 1 seed to lose to a 16 when it rallied for a 72-65 victory over North Carolina-Asheville on Thursday in the East Regional.

The Orange entered the tournament without starting center Fab Melo, who was declared ineligible for academic reasons, and they almost left early with a piece of history no team wants.

Instead, Syracuse (32-2) will play eighth-seeded Kansas State in the third round Saturday.

No. 8 KANSAS ST. 70, No. 9 SOUTHERN MISS 64

Rodney McGruder scored 30 points and Jordan Henriquez added 15 points, nine rebounds and six blocks to lead Kansas State over Southern Mississippi.

The Wildcats (22-10) advanced past their opening tournament game for the third straight year.

No. 4 WISCONSIN 73, No. 13 MONTANA 49

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Ryan Evans scored 18 points and Jordan Taylor added 17 points and six assists for Wisconsin, which ended Montana's school-record 14-game winning streak.

The Badgers (25-9) improved to 10-1 in NCAA tournament openers under Bo Ryan, the winningest coach in the program's history.

No. 5 VANDERBILT 79, No. 12 HARVARD 70

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — John Jenkins made all six of his free throws down the stretch and finished with 27 points to help Vanderbilt hold off Harvard in a game billed as "The Brain Bowl."

Brad Tinsley scored 16 for the Commodores (25-10), who followed last weekend's stunner over top-ranked Kentucky with a win over a school many consider to be a No. 1 — in the classroom, that is.

No. 7 GONZAGA 77, No. 10 WEST VIRGINIA 54

Robert Sacre and Gary Bell Jr. scored 14 points apiece as Gonzaga routed West Virginia.

Kevin Pangos added 13 points and five assists for the seventh-seeded Bulldogs (26-6), who will play Ohio State or Loyola (Md.) in the third round on Saturday.

WEST REGIONAL

No. 3 MARQUETTE 88, No. 14 BYU 68

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Jae Crowder had 25 points and 16 rebounds, Darius Johnson-Odom scored 12 of his 20 points in the second half and Marquette withstood another furious rally by BYU.

Brandon Davies had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Cougars (26-9), who looked for a brief while as if they might have a chance to top their historic comeback in the First Four on Tuesday night. After trailing by as many as 19 in the first half, BYU got within 52-46 with 15:28 left. But the Golden Eagles (28-5) were simply too big and too strong.

No. 6 MURRAY STATE 58, No. 11 COLORADO STATE 41

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Isaiah Canaan scored 15 points in Murray State's return to the NCAA tournament after a two-year wait, and Donte Poole added 13 to lead the Racers past Colorado State.

Canaan mishandled the ball in the closing seconds of a two-point loss to Butler in 2010 as a freshman. He's the leader of this group now, and Murray State (31-1) expects a long run in this tournament as the mid-major darlings.

No. 4 LOUISVILLE 69, No. 13 DAVIDSON 62

PORTLAND, Ore. — Peyton Siva scored 17 points and Louisville finally moved on in the NCAA tournament by beating Davidson.

After getting ousted in their first tournament game the past two seasons, coach Rick Pitino and the Cardinals (27-9) advanced to play fifth-seeded New Mexico in the third round.

No. 5 NEW MEXICO 75, No. 12 LONG BEACH STATE 68

PORTLAND, Ore. — Kendall Williams scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half and bottled up Long Beach State star Casper Ware defensively to help New Mexico hold off the 49ers.

Drew Gordon added 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Lobos.

SOUTH REGIONAL

No. 1 KENTUCKY 81, No. 16 WESTERN KENTUCKY 66

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Terrence Jones had 22 points and 10 rebounds, Doron Lamb scored 16 and Kentucky began its quest for an eighth national title with a staggering display of athleticism in a victory over Western Kentucky.

On a day when Syracuse nearly became the first No. 1 seed ever to lose to a 16, the Wildcats (33-2) clearly relished their growing role as favorites.

No. 3 BAYLOR 68, No. 14 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 60

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Pierre Jackson scored 18 points and Baylor held off South Dakota State to advance to the third round.

The Bears (28-7) fell behind by 12 in the first half before taking a 36-28 halftime lead that they never relinquished. But it was a nail-biter.

No. 12 VCU 62, No. 5 WICHITA STATE 59

PORTLAND, Ore. — Bradford Burgess hit a key 3-pointer with 1:33 left and Shaka Smart coached VCU to another tournament surprise, holding off Wichita State.

Harrington shoots course record 61

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Padraig Harrington knew he was playing better golf than his scores indicated. He just wasn't expecting the lowest official score of his life, a 10-under 61 to set the course record Thursday in the Transitions Championship.

Harrington took a step toward ending 17 months and 37 tournaments without a victory when he made 10 birdies, including a 75-footer late in his round, to build a three-shot lead among the early starters at Innisbrook.

With a 15-foot birdie putt on the 18th — how could it not go in the way his day was going? — he broke by one shot the record at the esteemed Copperhead Course at Innisbrook that had been held by Mark Calcavecchia in 2007 and Jeff Sluman in 2004.

Harrington's previous best was a 62 three times, most recently at the 2009 Portugal Masters. He also had a 61 at the Nedbank Challenge in 2001, an unofficial event. It was not recognized as a course record because of preferred lies.

Will Claxton birdied the 18th for a 64, a score that would have put him atop the leaderboard at Innisbrook the last seven years. John Senden, coming off a 65 in the final round at Doral, was in a large group at 66 that included William McGirt and 51-year-old Kenny Perry, making a rare appearance on the PGA Tour.

Doral winner Justin Rose and Luke Donald were at 67, while defending champion Gary Woodland opened with a 68.

LPGA Tour

PHOENIX — Top-ranked Yani Tseng played a seven-hole stretch on the back nine in 7 under and finished with a 7-under 65 for a share of the first-round lead with Hee Young Park in the LPGA Founders Cup.

Tseng birdied the 11th, 13th and 14th holes, eagled the par-5 15th, and birdied the 16th and 17th. She had a 4-foot try for another birdie on 18, but pulled her putt just left.

Park closed with a bogey on the par-4 ninth for her 65.

Jiyai Shin opened with a 66, and second-ranked Na Yeon Choi was another shot back along with Karen Stupples.

Pernilla Lindberg and Hee Kyung Seo in the tour's first U.S. event of the year after stops in Australia, Thailand and Singapore.

Howard stays, others move at NBA trade deadline

By BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

Dwight Howard agreed to stay in Orlando on a day plenty of other big men were on the move.

Nene, JaVale McGee and Marcus Camby were among the centers who found new homes Thursday before the NBA's trade deadline.

Denver dealt Nene to Washington, just three months after re-signing him to a five-year, $67 million contract. The Wizards sent JaVale McGee and Ronny Turiaf to Denver and Nick Young to the Los Angeles Clippers, trading away two of their talented young but sometimes immature players. Washington also picked up forward Brian Cook in the deal.

The Lakers got younger at point guard, acquiring Ramon Sessions from Cleveland and sending veteran Derek Fisher to Houston. Swingmen Stephen Jackson and Richard Jefferson were swapped in a Spurs-Warriors deal, and the New Jersey Nets picked up Gerald Wallace from Portland.

The Nets had bigger hopes, though, before Howard's late change of mind.

"We were involved in a lot of things, some things didn't work out, but the thing we did, did," Nets general manager Billy King said. "I am always one who has the glass half full. We're moving on. We have a starting small forward who is a great fit for us, and that's all I can focus on."

They had long been a favorite to land Howard, who had told the Magic before the season he wanted to be traded and listed the Nets as one of his choices. He was eligible for free agency this summer, and Orlando risked losing him for nothing.

Instead, he agreed to waive the early termination option in his contract, committing to stay with the Magic through the 2012-13 season.

"Now we can get back to playing basketball and having some peace and trying to win a championship," Howard said. "I feel like we have a chance to win and I didn't feel like either one of us should give that up."

It was a relatively quiet trade deadline, with teams wary of taking on long-term contracts with the more punishing luxury tax rules in the new collective bargaining agreement. And with the lockout pushing the deadline back from its usual February spot to mid-March, teams had a little more time to decide whether they were really contenders and a move was worth it.

"You could look at everybody's records, and you could pretty much know what their objectives are going to be," Celtics general manager Danny Ainge said.

Big names such as the Lakers' Pau Gasol and the Celtics' Rajon Rondo — along with the rest of Boston's top players — stayed put after all been linked to rumors.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	25	18	.581	—
Boston	23	19	.548	1½
New York	19	24	.442	6
New Jersey	15	29	.341	10½
Toronto	14	29	.326	11

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	31	11	.738	—
Orlando	28	16	.636	4
Atlanta	24	19	.558	7½
Washington	10	32	.238	21
Charlotte	6	35	.146	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	36	9	.800	—
Indiana	25	16	.610	9
Milwaukee	19	24	.442	16
Cleveland	16	25	.390	18
Detroit	16	27	.372	19

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Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	28	13	.683	—
Memphis	24	17	.585	4
Dallas	24	20	.545	5½
Houston	24	20	.545	5½
New Orleans	10	34	.227	19½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	32	10	.762	—
Denver	24	19	.558	8½
Minnesota	22	21	.512	10½
Utah	20	22	.476	12
Portland	20	23	.465	12½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	27	16	.628	—
L.A. Clippers	24	17	.585	2
Phoenix	20	22	.476	6½
Golden State	18	22	.450	7½
Sacramento	14	29	.326	13

Wednesday's Games
Indiana 111, Philadelphia 94
New Jersey 98, Toronto 84
New York 121, Portland 79
Houston 107, Charlotte 87
L.A. Lakers 107, New Orleans 101, OT
Milwaukee 115, Cleveland 105
San Antonio 122, Orlando 111
Chicago 106, Miami 102
Detroit 124, Sacramento 112
Boston 105, Golden State 103
L.A. Clippers 96, Atlanta 82
Phoenix 120, Utah 111
Thursday's Games
Washington 99, New Orleans 89
Charlotte at Dallas
Oklahoma City at Denver
Minnesota at Utah
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers
Today's Games
New Jersey at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Memphis, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.
Boston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	70	44	19	7	95	194	155
Pittsburgh	69	43	21	5	91	224	175
Philadelphia	70	41	22	7	89	226	199
New Jersey	71	41	25	5	87	196	182
N.Y. Islanders	71	28	32	11	67	166	214

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	70	40	27	3	83	225	176
Ottawa	71	36	25	10	82	218	209
Buffalo	71	33	29	9	75	178	201
Toronto	71	31	32	8	70	205	218
Montreal	71	28	32	11	67	188	198

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	70	34	23	13	81	177	195
Washington	70	36	28	6	78	189	197
Winnipeg	70	33	29	8	74	186	197
Tampa Bay	70	32	31	7	71	198	237
Carolina	71	27	29	15	69	185	211

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	72	45	19	8	98	186	141
Detroit	71	44	24	3	91	219	171
Nashville	69	41	21	7	89	200	179
Chicago	71	38	25	8	84	213	209
Columbus	70	22	41	7	51	161	226

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	70	42	20	8	92	219	177
Colorado	73	38	30	5	81	191	194
Calgary	70	33	25	12	78	176	193
Minnesota	70	29	31	10	68	150	194
Edmonton	70	27	36	7	61	185	209

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	71	39	27	5	83	188	188
Phoenix	71	35	25	11	81	187	182
San Jose	69	34	25	10	78	189	178
Los Angeles	70	33	25	12	78	159	154
Anaheim	71	30	30	11	71	177	196

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
Wednesday's Games
Colorado 5, Buffalo 4, SO
Montreal 3, Ottawa 2, SO
Winnipeg 5, Dallas 2
Edmonton 3, Columbus 0
Phoenix 5, Vancouver 4
Anaheim 4, Detroit 0
Thursday's Games
New Jersey 1, Colorado 0, SO
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Carolina 2, St. Louis 0
Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 1
Florida 6, Boston 2
Phoenix at Calgary
Nashville at San Jose
Today's Games
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Washington at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Tournament
All Times EDT
FIRST ROUND
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Wednesday's games
Vermont 71, Lamar 59
South Florida 65, California 54

EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday's games
At The CONSOL Energy Center
Pittsburgh
Kansas State 70, Southern Mississippi 64
Syracuse 72, UNC Asheville 65
Gonzaga 77, West Virginia 54
Ohio State (27-7) vs. Loyola (Md.) (24-8)
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Wisconsin 73, Montana 49
Vanderbilt 79, Harvard 70
Today's games
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Cincinnati (24-10) vs. Texas (20-13), 12:15 p.m.
Florida State (24-9) vs. St. Bonaventure (20-11), 30 minutes following
Third Round
Saturday's games
At The CONSOL Energy Center
Pittsburgh
Syracuse (32-2) vs. Kansas State (22-10), TBA
Ohio State-Loyola (Md.) winner vs. Gonzaga (26-6), TBA
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Wisconsin (25-9) vs. Vanderbilt (25-10), TBA
Sunday's games
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Florida State-St. Bonaventure winner vs. Cincinnati-Texas winner, TBA

SOUTH REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday's games
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Kentucky 81, Western Kentucky 66
Iowa State (22-10) vs. UConn (20-13)
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Baylor 68, South Dakota State 60
UNLV (26-8) vs. Colorado (23-11)
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
VCU 62, Wichita State 59
Indiana (25-8) vs. New Mexico State (26-9)
Today's games
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Duke (27-6) vs. Lehigh (26-7), 7:15 p.m.
Notre Dame (22-11) vs. Xavier (21-12), 30 minutes following
Third Round
Saturday's games
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Kentucky (33-2) vs. Iowa State-UConn winner, TBA
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Baylor (28-7) vs. UNLV-Colorado winner, TBA
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
Indiana-New Mexico State winner vs. VCU (29-6), TBA
Sunday's games
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Duke-Lehigh winner vs. Notre Dame-Xavier winner, TBA

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Today's games
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Creighton (28-5) vs. Alabama (21-11), 1:40 p.m.
North Carolina (29-5) vs. Vermont (24-11), 30 minutes following
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
San Diego State (26-7) vs. N.C. State (22-12), 12:40 p.m.
Georgetown (23-8) vs. Belmont (27-7), 30 minutes following
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Michigan (24-9) vs. Ohio (27-7), 7:20 p.m.
Temple (24-7) vs. South Florida (21-13), 30 minutes following
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Saint Mary's (Calif.) (27-5) vs. Purdue (21-12), 7:27 p.m.
Kansas (27-6) vs. Detroit (22-13), 30 minutes following
Third Round
Sunday's games
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
North Carolina-Vermont winner vs. Creighton-Alabama winner, TBA
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Georgetown-Belmont winner vs. San Diego State-N.C. State winner, TBA
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Michigan-Ohio winner vs. Temple-South Florida winner, TBA
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Kansas-Detroit winner vs. Saint Mary's (Calif.)-Purdue winner, TBA

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday's games
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Murray State 58, Colorado State 41
Marquette 88, BYU 68
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
Louisville 69, Davidson 62
New Mexico 75, Long Beach State 68
At Today's Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Memphis (26-8) vs. Saint Louis (25-7), 6:50 p.m.
Michigan State (27-7) vs. LIU (25-8), 30 minutes following
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Florida (23-10) vs. Virginia (22-9), 2:10 p.m.
Missouri (30-4) vs. Norfolk State (25-9), 30 minutes following
Third Round
Saturday's games
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Marquette (26-7) vs. Murray State (31-1), TBA
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
Louisville (27-9) vs. New Mexico (28-6), TBA
Sunday's games
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Michigan State-LIU winner vs. Memphis-Saint Louis winner, TBA
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Missouri-Norfolk State winner vs. Florida-Virginia winner, TBA

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

GIRLS CLASS A ALL-STATE
FIRST TEAM:

Caprice Dennis, Detroit Pershing, 5-9, Sr., Player of the Year
Brandais Agee, Detroit Cass Tech, 5-11, Sr.
Kelsey Mitchell, Inkster, 6-1, Sr.
Raven Bowden, Detroit Mumford, 6-7, Jr.
Marie Gaedke, Dearborn Edsel Ford, 5-10, Sr.
Elena Popkey, Warren Cousino, 5-7, Sr.
Gabby Yurik, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, 5-9, Sr.
Sami Stormont, Royal Oak, 5-8, Jr.
Allie Havers, Mattawan, 6-5, Jr.
Shar'Rae Davis, Grand Haven, 5-9, Sr.
Alex Law, Grand Haven, 5-11, Sr.
COACH OF THE YEAR:
Scott Woodhull, Waterford Kettering.

SPECIAL MENTION (nominees receiving two or more votes from the 10-member panel): Jordyn Nurenberg, St. Johns; Victoria Milton, Lansing Waverly; Dajourie Turner, Warren Fitzgerald; Jennifer Jarema, Midland; Erica Covile, Westland John Glenn; Sparkle Taylor, Flint Northwestern.

HONORABLE MENTION (nominees receiving one or no votes from the 10-member panel): Sylvia Maxwell, Lansing Waverly; Adriana Jordan, Port Huron; Jordan Strauss, Monroe; Shanesha Blair, Saginaw Arthur Hill; Maura McAfee, Midland; Antania Hayes, Detroit Martin Luther King; Hannah Uttle, Auburn Hills Avondale; Shannon Wilson, Bloomfield Hills Andover; Delaney Kenny, Clarkston; Jasmine Harris, North Farmington; Emily Wendling, Flushing; Asia Robeson, Kalamazoo Central; Kelsey Adamski, Richland Gull Lake; Alexis Miller, Caledonia; April LaCross, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; Mackenzie Edwards, Gaylord; Shaina Streeter, Traverse City West; Katie Knudsen, Traverse City Central; Rachel Kehoe, St. Clair; Devin Talley, Ann Arbor Huron; Claire Dober, Grosse Pointe South; Caitlin Moore, Grosse Pointe South.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned RHP Oliver Drake to Bowie (EL).

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Optioned LHP Scott Barnes, OF Thomas Neal and OF Nick Weglarz to Columbus (IL) and RHP Danny Salazar to Carolina (Carolina). Acquired LHP Kelvin De La Cruz from Texas Rangers for cash and assigned him to Akron (EL). Placed RHP Carlos Carrasco on the 60-day DL.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with SS Alcides Escobar on a four-year contract.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Optioned RHP Deolis Guerra, RHP Lester Oliveros, LHP Scott Diamond, LHP Tyler Robertson and OF Darin Mastroianni to Rochester (IL) and OF Oswaldo Arcia to Fort Myers (FSL). Reassigned LHP Aaron Thompson, INF Steve Pearce and C Danny Ramos to their minor league camp.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Optioned INF Brandon Hicks to Sacramento (PCL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Re-assigned RHP Bryan Augenstein, SS Hak-Ju Lee and RHP Wilking Rodriguez to their minor league camp.

TEXAS RANGERS—Optioned RHP Wilmer Font and RHP Matt West to Myrtle Beach (Carolina). Reassigned RHP Fabio Castillo to Frisco (Texas).

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Traded RHP Aaron Kurcz to Boston as part of the compensation deal for hiring executive Theo Epstein. Optioned RHP Alberto Cabrera, LHP Jeff Beliveau, LHP John Gaub, INF Josh Vitters to Iowa (PCL) and INF Junior Lake and OF Matt Szczur to Tennessee (SL).

COLORADO ROCKIES—Optioned LHP Edwar Cabrera, INF Tommy Field and OF Jamie Hoffman to their minor league camp. Reassigned RHP Stephen Dodson, RHP Joe Gardner, RHP Mike Ekstrom, RHP Chad Bettis, RHP Dustin Molleken, C Lars Davis, C Matt McBride, INF Ben Paulsen and OF Kent Matthes to their minor league camp.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Optioned RHP Chris Withrow, LHP Michael Antonini, RHP Stephen Fife, RHP Josh Wall, OF Scott Van Slyke, OF Alfredo Silverio and INF/OF Alex Castellanos to their minor league camp. Reassigned RHP Shane Lindsay and INF Russ Mitchell to their minor league camp.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

DENVER NUGGETS—Traded F Nene to Washington for C JaVale McGee and F-C Renny Turgal and G-F Nick Young to the Los Angeles Clippers. Washington received F Brian Cook and a future second-round draft pick from Los Angeles.

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Traded G-F Stephen Jackson to San Antonio for F Richard Jefferson, the rights to G T.J. Ford and a conditional 2012 first-round draft pick. Acquired a 2012 second-round draft pick from Atlanta for cash.

HOUSTON ROCKETS—Acquired C Marcus Camby from Portland for G Jonny Flynn, C Hasheem Thabeet and a 2012 second-round pick. Acquired G Derek Fisher and a 2012 first-round pick from the Los Angeles Lakers for F Jordan Hill.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Acquired G Ramon Sessions and F Christian Eyenga from Cleveland for F Luke Walton and F Jason Kapono and a 2012 first-round draft pick.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Acquired F Gerald Wallace from Portland for C Mehmet Okur and F Shawne Williams and a 2012 first-round draft pick.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Acquired G-F Sam Young from Memphis for the rights to F Ricky Sanchez.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Fired coach Nate McMillan. Named Caleb Kanales interim head coach. Waived C Greg Oden.

TORONTO RAPTORS—Traded G Leandro Barbosa to Indiana for 2012 second-round draft pick and cash. Waived G Anthony Carter.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Agreed to terms with DE Marie Williams on a six-year contract.

CHICAGO BEARS—Agreed to terms with DL Israel Idonije on a one-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed DE Frostee Rucker to a five-year contract. Re-signed DL Oniel Cousins and TE Alex Smith. Announced DL Brian Schaefering signed his tender as an exclusive rights player.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Agreed to terms with S Brodney Pool.

DENVER BRONCOS—Agreed to terms with S Mike Adams.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed QB Chad Henne to a two-year contract.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed RB Brian Daboll to a one-year contract. Agreed to terms with TE Kevin Boss on a three-year contract.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Re-signed WR Matthew Slater. Signed DT Marcus Harrison.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Agreed to terms with G Ben Grubbs on a five-year contract.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed S Chris Horton.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Released CB Shawntae Spencer. Agreed to term s with CB Carlos Rogers on a four-year contract.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed QB Dan Orlovsky to a two-year contract.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Agreed to terms with G Steve Hutchinson on a multiyear contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed S Brandon Meriweather to a two-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Signed G John Gibson to a three-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Assigned LW Gustav Nyquist to Grand Rapids (AHL).

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Signed F Brian O'Neill to a one-year contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled G Chad Johnson from Connecticut (AHL).

COLLEGE

MISSISSIPPI STATE—Announced the retirement of men's basketball coach Rick Stansbury.

BOWLING

COLOMA LANES

THURS. IND. — Dave Pitcher 777 (290), Mike Milnicket 722 (247), Mark Gargano 683 (249), Gary Gargano 680 (268), Tom McMichael 670, Tim Reeves 648, Candie Wilson 646. Team: Future Construction 3315 (1155).

BLOSSOM LANES

OLD STYLE LADIES — Linda VanHoedt 585, Bobbi Smith 558, Sue Baker 556 (229), Pat Howell 553, Tammie Bowen 524. Team: Smith/Hackbart 1070, VanHoedt/Nash (409).

WHIRLPOOL MIXED MEN'S — Paul Kohl 686 (257), Rick Lachman 684 (258), Aarin Zelmer 681 (247), Ray Satterfield 647 (255), Ben Brobst 637 (257). Team: Hi Chargers 3025 (1069).

KELLEY'S BOWL

THURS. A.M. LADIES — Connie Ross 495 (171), Susie Newland 465 (191), Beth Brooks 465 (161). Team: Gottlieb 1713.

WED. 6:30 P.M. MIXED — Men: Ryan Delk 691 (235), Andy Gaskin 664, Aaron Smith 591, Pat Delk 581. Women: Sonya Jackson 552, Suzanne Davis 547 (206).

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rebounds this season to become an all-conference pick, while sophomores Jerian Grant and Eric Atkins each averaged about 12 in a balanced attack.

That trio, along with senior captain Scott Martin, helped Notre Dame finish third in the Big East with 13 league victories before losing to eventual champion Louisville in the conference tournament.

Now Notre Dame is back in the NCAAs for the third straight season and eighth time in 12 years under Brey in a run that Atkins called "an up-and-down kind of roller-coaster year."

"To have a year start off in that sort of fashion where we didn't have Tim and lose him right away almost seemed unfair for really our team," Cooley said. "But then to do what we did and pull it together so well and go on that nine-game win streak in the Big East is just huge and it was a pretty huge year."

Things didn't look any better for the 10th-seeded Musketeers (21-12) in January than it did for Notre Dame.

Yet Xavier's fall followed a reputation-destroying incident that was replayed on sports and news shows alike — the oncourt brawl at the end of a win against crosstown rival Cincinnati on Dec. 10.

The Musketeers were ranked No. 8 nationally and unbeaten at the time.

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Liberty University.

Liberty, a 16th seed, faces top-seeded Moore Duane at 2:40 p.m. Sunday in South Bend.

Webb strong at St. Louis

Benton Harbor graduate Courtney Webb was the leading scorer this season for the Saint Louis University women's basketball team.

Webb, who transferred from DePaul to play for the Billikens, averaged a team-best 11.4 points despite coming off the bench in 18 of 31 games and averaging just 21.5 minutes of playing time.

Webb hit a team-best 48 3-pointers and shot 86.4 percent at the free throw line.

Guinane named all-conference

St. Joseph graduate Brad Guinane, a senior men's basketball player at Hillsdale College, was named first-team all-conference in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Guinane averaged 14.3 points and 6.8 rebounds as Hillsdale finished 24-6 overall and 16-3 in GLIAC play.

Williams helps Lakers

Benton Harbor graduate Alex Williams had a strong freshman season on the Lake Superior State men's basketball team.

Williams started 11 of 26 games for the 11-15 Lakers, averaging 7.3 points and finishing with 45 3-pointers, second-highest on the team.

Wasserman hits key homer

Lakeshore graduate Zak Wasserman recently hit a solo home run to help the 21st-ranked Louisville baseball team past a 4-3 win over 12th-ranked Mississippi.

The home run, Wasserman's third of the season, provided the fourth run in the slim victory.

Wasserman, a junior, is batting .393 for the 11-6 Cardinals while having committed just one error in the field.

Garner stifles ranked foe

Niles graduate David Garner threw six shutout innings for Michigan State in a 4-0 win over 25th-ranked Baylor recently.

Garner held Baylor to three hits and struck out five.

"He's a very talented pitcher with an electric arm," Michigan State coach Jake Boss said in a release on www.msuspartans.com. "He has a chance to be special, and tonight was a great learning experience for him."

Newman tosses no-hitter

Tim Newman, a Lakeshore graduate who also played at Lake Michigan College, recently threw a no-hitter for the Purdue-North Central baseball team.

Newman tossed the no-hitter against Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky., as PNC won 13-0.

Rohl named All-American

New Buffalo graduate Beth Rohl received All-American honors for the 2012 NCAA indoor track and field season.

Rohl, a junior, holds the school record in the weight throw and finished fifth in the NCAA indoor championships.

Gregory an all-conference swimmer

Hope senior Matt Gregory, a St. Joseph graduate, was named to the All-MIAA men's swimming and diving team.

Gregory is a two-time All-MIAA pick.

Saltzman leads North Park

Coloma graduate Andrew Saltzman, a junior at North Park University, led the Viking football team with 70 tackles last fall.

A safety, Saltzman also had two interceptions and two fumble recoveries and was a second-team all-conference pick. He was named his team's defensive MVP.

Averill to golf in college

St. Joseph senior Sammie Averill recently signed a letter of intent to play college golf at St. Mary's College.

Averill was a Division 3 all-state golfer for the Bears.

IZZO

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At Izzo's weekly news conference, he usually spends an hour answering questions, a long time in college athletics these days.

Izzo has told people who have known him for decades to say something if he ever changes. So far, so good on that front.

Something people in the game are saying about Izzo this year, however, is that he has turned in one of his best coaching performances ever.

Michigan State started the season unranked, and justifiably so because just two of its top seven scorers returned from last year. Then the season started with losses on an aircraft carrier in San Diego against North Carolina and in New York City against Duke.

It's gotten better ever since. The Spartans went on to share the Big Ten title with Ohio State and Michigan, win the conference tournament after losing standout freshman Branden Dawson and earn a No. 1 seed in the West region.

Now, Izzo is riding a burst of energy.

"March has been good to me," he said. "I love March."

And with good reason. His 35-13 record in the NCAAs gives him a .729 winning percentage. That rate of success trails just Duke's Mike Krzyzewski (.775), North Carolina's Roy Williams (.753) and Connecticut's Jim Calhoun (.731) among active coaches with at least 40 tournament games.

Michigan State's streak of consecutive NCAA tournaments trails just two active streaks, by Kanas and Duke, and matches Bob Knight's run from 1986-2000 at Indiana for the longest in Big Ten history.

"I think he belongs in the Hall of Fame," said former Purdue coach Gene Keady, whose six career Big Ten titles were surpassed by Izzo's seventh this season. "If you lost a player to him in recruiting, you felt like you got outworked. If you lost a game to him, you felt like you got outcoached. He's fantastic."

Izzo is totally focused on the tournament now, but he has to keep an eye on the future to find the next star, which brings us back to his recent quick recruiting trip to Chicago.

The day after a victory over Wisconsin and about an hour following practice the next day, Izzo, his 11-year-old son Steven Mateen, and assistant coach Dwayne Stephens boarded a King Air 200 turboprop with nine leather seats — including those for the pilot and co-pilot — on a slick tarmac under a foggy sky at dusk.

"He doesn't get a lot of sleep during the season and doesn't look good toward the end of the year," said former Michigan State coach Jud Heathcote, who hired Izzo as a part-time assistant in 1983. "My wife will say, 'Tom doesn't look good.' And I'll say, 'Yeah, because he's worn out.' But Tom has never been able to rest. I used to tell him to get away and take some time off, but after a couple days at his house on Lake Michigan, he'll be back in the office working because he has a restless nature."

Nonetheless, Izzo was sleeping seconds after taking his seat in the back right section of the cabin and didn't wake up until the charter plane hit a pocket of turbulence toward the end of the 41-minute flight.

"Wow, I needed that power nap," Izzo said.

During the descent to Gary, Ind., into a setting sun over Lake Michigan, Izzo said recruiting is the hardest part of his job and the most essential.

Izzo doesn't think recruits are given cars or bags of money dropped off at their houses, like he used to hear about, but laments the belief that some schools use unregistered phones to circumvent NCAA rules to connect with prospects or find ways to get them to campus for unofficial visits that are supposed to be paid for by their families.

"It doesn't seem as bad as it was 10 years ago, even though in some ways I think there is more going on because we're making more money and it makes it even more critical to get recruits," Izzo said. "There's risk and reward. Yeah, you can get caught, but there's the reward of making more money and getting better jobs."

Once on the ground in Gary, a rental car was waiting at the terminal for Stephens to drive to a Chicago arena. Izzo decided to head to northwest Indiana, instead of Chicago, to avoid dealing with rush-hour traffic. That plan hit a snag when it took 13 minutes to creep a half-mile to a toll booth. Along the way, people in a car with a Michigan State "S" on the plate honked and waved when they saw Izzo on the Chicago Skyway.

That was the first of a slew of times Izzo was recognized over the next two hours.

As he walked through the arena's parking lot and into the building, some shouted, "Hey coach!" while others stared, smiled and pointed.

After he was escorted to courtside seats, a stream of people — including Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, DePaul coach Oliver Purnell, ex-DePaul coach Joey Meyer, Boston Celtics guard E'Twaun Moore and strangers — came by say hello, wish him well and pose for pictures. If Izzo was still weary, he didn't show it.

"You're big-time, you don't even have voicemail," Meyer said.

"No, that makes me smart," Izzo replied with a smile. "And, I still have a flip phone — that's how big time I am!"

Izzo made eye contact with the recruits, both of whom nodded their heads as if to say hello without saying a word, during pregame warm-ups in nonverbal exchanges that abided by the NCAA's strict rules during evaluation periods.

Mission accomplished. The trip that took just under 6 hours was worth it.

"Them knowing that you were there is the biggest thing you want to do," Izzo said on the flight back to Lansing. "You never know what will make a difference."

MICHIGAN

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what are you going to do for this team instead of saying, 'Woe is me. Why is coach picking on me?' Douglass said.

Senior guard Zack Novak added, "There's been a few games this year we played really bad, and the film sessions were a little bit more lively and spirited. ... If we want to be the team that we can be, this is what you've got to do."

Douglass, Novak, sophomore guard Tim Hardaway Jr. and freshman point guard Trey Burke have made Michigan a very dangerous team in the halfcourt and at the 3-point line, where it averages 8.2 baskets per game.

The Bobcats hope to counter the guard-heavy Wolverines lineup with their more traditional size, which served them well in the MAC where undersized wings and post players aren't unusual.

"It won't be the first time we've seen that situation, but they do it at such a high level with those four guards, and then when (Evan) Smotrycz is in the game, it's really five guys that shoot 3s," Groce said. "We have our hands full."

Beilein is on a mission to get Michigan back fully in the national spotlight. He's taken the Wildcats to the Big Dance three out of four years, but they haven't made it past their second game since 1994.

The coach likes where his program is headed thanks to support from school officials and the way players Douglass and Novak are focused on getting better every day.

"It's a destination," Beilein said. "There's a momentum going on right now."

The Herald-Palladium

KidsWeek

Creating New Worlds

The Art of Video Games

When the first home video games for general use came out 40 years ago, artists didn't have much to work with. They had just a few **pixels** (PIKS-uhls), or points of light on the computer screen, to "paint" with.

But video game art took off like a rocket, changing almost overnight. Today, game artists mix technology with traditional art forms, including writing, painting, sculpture and music, to create a brand-new type of art.

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is the first major museum to look at video games as a form of art.

The Mini Page talked with Chris Melissinos, the **curator** (KHUR-ay-tur), or person in charge, of this exhibit.

Atari 2600, 1977, Jon Decker, Lee Newman (programming) and Steve Wright (design). © 1978 Atari Interactive Inc.

"Combat" was the first game for the Atari Video Computer System, coming out in 1977.

Super Mario Galaxy 2, 2010, Nintendo, Kyoto, Japan. Shigeru Miyamoto (creative director), Yoshiaki Koizumi (director), Takashi Tezuka (director), Kenichi Nishi (art director), Yoshito Higuchi (art director), Hideki Konno (director), Yoshiaki Hane (director). © Nintendo

This scene is from "Super Mario Galaxy 2." The first Mario Brothers game was called "Donkey Kong." In that game, Mario was called Jumpman because his character jumped as he chased the ape, Kong. In that first game, the hero was a carpenter. In later games, Mario is a plumber.

Early games

In the 1970s and early 1980s, there were limits to what video game technology could do. Designers weren't able to tell the full stories they may have pictured in their minds. Players used their imagination to fill in the gaps of the story.

For example, in Atari's game "Combat," two players control tanks, jets and biplanes. Instead of a battlefield, the game uses a plain green screen with rough battle lines and dividers drawn in. "Combat" does not include a story. Players invent their own story. This is part of the fun.

Players bounce ammunition off the walls and dividers. This adds something else to think about. "Combat" players learn to use strategy to defeat their opponent.

Filling in the blanks

Designers had to be creative to get around the low technology. For example, in "Donkey Kong," there weren't enough pixels available for the designer, Shigero Miyamoto, to create a whole face. So he took out one pixel between Mario's nose and mouth.

Because the background was black, that empty space looked like a black mustache. Mario still has it today.

Pitfall!, 1982, David Crane, Atari Inc., Sunnyvale, Calif. Used with permission of Activision Publishing, Inc. Activision is a registered trademark of Activision Publishing, Inc.

In "Pitfall!" the designer, David Crane, was trying to figure out how to make a human figure run. He made up a story about why the man was running. That led to the first adventure game with a human-like figure.

Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy loves the artwork of her favorite video game. See if you can find: • ice cream cone • word MINI • snail • bandage • ladder • letter E • needle • sock • pencil • broom • heart • book • kite • owl • scissors

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Honey Cinnamon Carrots

You'll need:

- 3 cups baby carrots
- canola oil cooking spray
- salt and pepper
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon

What to do:

1. Cut carrots in half lengthwise.
2. Spray a rimmed baking pan with canola oil cooking spray. Spread carrots in a single layer on the pan. Spray carrots.
3. Sprinkle carrots with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Broil for 10 to 11 minutes, stirring halfway through.
5. Meanwhile, combine remaining ingredients in a small bowl. Pour mixture over carrots and coat evenly.
6. Broil for 2 more minutes until carrots are tender.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Meet Tommy Tallarico

photo courtesy Smithsonian American Art Museum

Tommy Tallarico has composed or been sound designer for the music in more than 300 video games. He is co-founder of the concert tour "Video Games Live."

Some of the games Tommy has worked on include "Earthworm Jim," "Advent Rising," "Aladdin," "Scooby Doo" and "The SpongeBob Squarepants Movie." He hosted, wrote and co-produced the TV series "The Electric Playground," a news show about video games. He has also co-produced albums of video game music.

Tommy, 44, was born in Orange County, Calif. He became interested in composing music when he was 9, after watching the movie "Star Wars." When he was in his early 20s, he got a job as a games tester at a video game company. He began composing music for those games.

Tommy works for several charities, including those that protect animals and encourage students in their musical careers. He loves photography, cooking, Beethoven, playing baseball and traveling.

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Gus Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Kyrie Irving

Height: 6-3 Birthdate: 3-23-92 Weight: 191
Birthplace: Melbourne, Australia Grew Up: West Orange, N.J.

This time last year, pro basketball scouts were raving about Kyrie Irving's potential. Now they are raving about his production.

With crossover dribbles, spin moves and long jumpers, the sleek Cleveland Cavaliers guard looks more like an NBA veteran than a 19-year-old rookie.

In the first 23 games, Irving averaged 18 points, shot 49.2 percent from the field, dished out 5.1 assists and fearlessly took pressure shots. That's why the Cavs picked him No. 1 in the overall 2011 draft.

Last season, Irving played only 11 games at Duke University because of an injury. Kyrie, whose dad, Drederick, starred at Boston University, can work toward his college degree in the offseasons. But for now, he's getting an "A" for his play in the NBA.

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Leaping Forward

To the next level

It took David Crane about 1,000 hours to write the coding for the first "Pitfall!" game in 1982. Later games in which a player has to avoid dangers have been built on Crane's original programming.

"Donkey Kong" was the first video game in which a whole story was played out. An ape captures a girl, and the hero, now known as Mario, has to try to rescue her.

As Mario chases Donkey Kong from level to level, he has to jump and climb moving **platforms**, or raised stages. This type of game is called a **platformer** game.

Donkey Kong™ ©, 1982, Shigeru Miyamoto, creator; Garry Kitchen, programmer

"Donkey Kong" began in arcades in 1981. Nintendo later made a home version.

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"Pac-Man" came out in video game arcades in 1981. Players have to get Pac-Man through a maze while he either runs from ghosts or tries to eat them. This image is from the home game.

A story in the game

The arcade version of "Pac-Man" was the first game to stop and tell a story between levels of game-playing. These stories between levels are called **cut-scenes** or **in-game movies**.

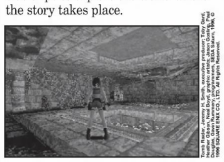
The player has no control over the story in cut-scenes. It is a story thrown in for fun or background.

"Pac-Man" told the story about Pac-Man and the ghosts chasing each other in three acts. The home version of "Pac-Man" did not have cut-scenes.

Storytelling

Today, the technology has become so good that game creators can tell a complete story during the game-playing. The art is so detailed that it can feel as if the player is in a movie.

In video games, unlike in other media such as movies, the player controls part of the story. The creator still controls how the story begins and ends, but the player can take side trips to explore the world where the story takes place.



Tomb Raider, artwork by Brian Horton (main character property), Toby Gard (original character design), Core Design Ltd. (game design), Eidos Interactive (publisher), 1996. © 1996 EIDOS INTERACTIVE LTD. / EIDOS Interactive. 1996. © 1996 EIDOS INTERACTIVE LTD.

In "Tomb Raider," the hero, Lara Croft, explores hidden spots in the world. Toby Gard designed the game in 1996 with a female hero, unusual in early games.

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Players Share in Art Creation

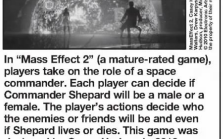
The powerful player

Curator Chris Melissinos says there are three voices in video games:

- The artist/designer/creator
- The game itself
- The player

Even when they are playing the same game, each player takes away something different. Players can also change the way the story goes in the game.

If you read a Harry Potter book, you might ask your friends if they remember a certain part. But with video games, you would ask if they remember a part, and then ask how they handled that part. The answer might be different with each player.



Mass Effect 2, 2010, Electronic Arts, Redwood City, Calif. Casey Hudson (director), Mac Walters (writer), Jonathan Rey (art director), Derek Watts (art director), Jonathan Warner (art director). © 2010 EA International (Studio and Publishing) Ltd. All rights reserved.

In "Mass Effect 2" (a mature-rated game), players take on the role of a space commander. Each player can decide if Commander Shepard will be a male or a female. The player's actions decide who the enemies or friends will be and even if Shepard lives or dies. This game was designed by Casey Hudson in 2010.

The Mini Page thanks Chris Melissinos, curator, "The Art of Video Games," for help with this issue.

"The Art of Video Games" exhibit will run from March 16 through Sept. 30 at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C. After that, it will travel to several places in the United States.

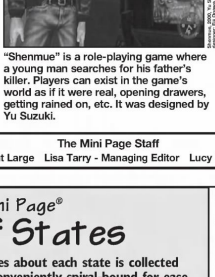
Flower, 2009, Thatgamecompany, Los Angeles, Calif. Jenova Chen (designer), Kellee Santiago (producer), Nicholas Clark (art director), Robin Hunicke (lead programmer), Austin Wintory (composer). © 2009 Sony Computer Entertainment America LLC.

In "Flower," the player takes the part of the wind. As the wind, you blow through different environments, trying to bring them to life. The more flowers you touch and the more petals you release into the wind, the more the land heals. This sim game was designed by Jenova Chen in 2009.

Game playing

Two of the most popular types of video games are role-playing and sim. In **role-playing games**, or RPG, the player takes on the role of a character. The player controls what the character does.

In **sim**, or "simulation," games, the player affects the environment of the characters. The player doesn't directly control the character.



Shenmue, 2000, Yu Suzuki, Sega, and Locksley Hardy Thompson, designer (Ed Sykes's work). ©SEGA. All Rights Reserved.

"Shenmue" is a role-playing game where a young man searches for his father's killer. Players can exist in the game's world as if it were real, opening drawers, getting rained on, etc. It was designed by Yu Suzuki.

Into the future

No one knows where art will go next. The next big dreamers and big thinkers might include you.

Chris started programming games when he was 9, and he wrote his first game when he was 12.

He said: "We need kids to keep dreaming big dreams, to think of the next big things. Computers can help them take their ideas and help other people experience them.

"When you're 12, you're told what to eat and when to go to bed. As a 12-year-old with a computer, I could create anything I wanted. I could build. I could create any world I wanted. I could create any story I wanted.

"In the real world I was powerless. In games I became powerful. Any power or tools we can give kids to allow them to express themselves, what a gift!"

Next week, The Mini Page is about the music of video games.

Look through your newspaper for stories that might make good video games.

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Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Gary: How were the animals entertained in the Great Flood?
Giselle: They played video games in Noah's Arcade!

Ginger: What is Dr. Jekyll's favorite video game?
Gaston: Hyde and seek!

Gordon: What age group enjoys playing video games?
Ginny: Kideos!

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Basset Brown The News Hound's Video Game Art TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of video game art are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ADVENTURE, APE, ARCADES, COMPUTER, CONTROL, DESIGNERS, GAMES, HERO, LEVEL, MOVIE, PIXEL, PLATFORMING, PLAY, PLAYER, PROGRAMMING, ROLE, SCENE, STORY, TECHNOLOGY, VIDEO.

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The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

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By BERNICE BEDE OSOL

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

You are likely to be in a favorable growth pattern in the year ahead, not only financially but personally as well. Your gains may not come in large doses, but they will be consistent, impressive and make an imprint on your personality.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – If you have some time to devote to a pleasurable pursuit, get out and go someplace where you can meet and mingle with new people. The change will do you good.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Get out and mingle while your popularity is at a high point. Even those who might have been a bit standoffish in the past will now orbit around your flame.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – The best way to be successful is to make sure that your thinking is totally flexible, so that you'll be able to see things in a completely new light. Having an open mind is the key.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Go with the flow, even if what occurs is far afield from what you were hoping to do. New doors could be opened to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – A cooperative spirit will be a major asset in all your relationships and should make you a very popular person to be around. Others will do for you what you do for them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Because life has been a trifle demanding of you lately, try to take a few moments to engage in something that you really enjoy doing. The most gratifying thing you can do is to be constructive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Social contacts can be enormously useful at this time, helping you further a special interest. Be sure to make your needs known to your friends as well as your family.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – In order to finalize a matter, you must keep uppermost in your mind what you hope to accomplish. Lock in on a target and you'll find the results to be extremely gratifying.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – You should take care of some old business by getting your message out on the Internet or by telephone. Regardless of the method you use, something fortuitous is likely to come of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – You might find that special something you've wanted to purchase but always felt was too expensive at a price you're willing to pay. Grab it: You might not get a chance like this again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Try to avoid people who have a tendency to tie up your time. Your personal freedom and mobility will be of particular importance at this point.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Feelings of fulfillment and worth will only come from things you do for others, not from what you do for yourself. Now is the time to make good on your promises.

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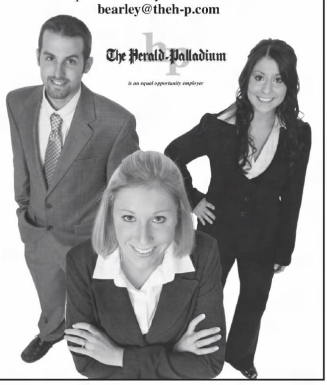

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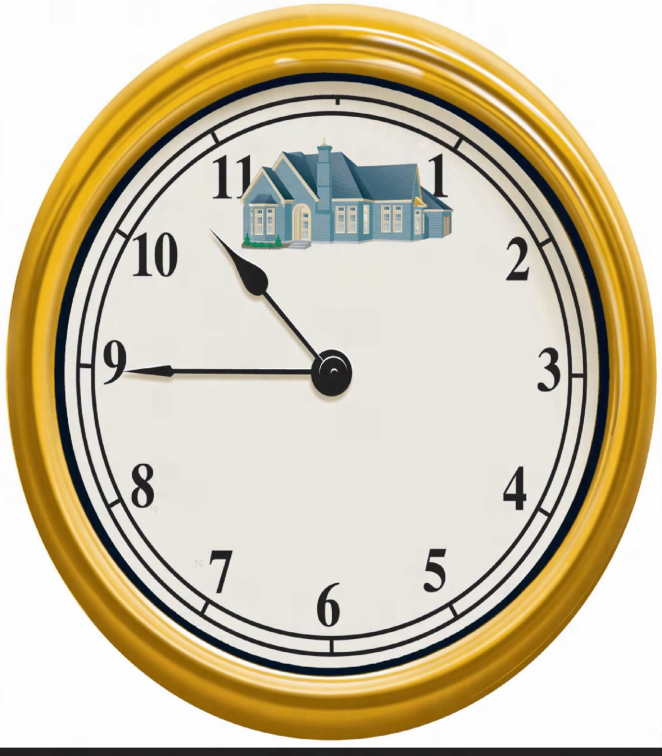

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Author Ann Miller of Lincoln Township uses colorful thread, feathers and fish hooks to make artificial flies on Tuesday. She has written the book "Hatch Guide for Upper Midwest Streams."

Hatching knowledge

After years of research, local aquatic biologist and angler Ann Miller breaks down the intricate world of insects and fly tying in new field guide

By TERRI GORDON
For The Herald-Palladium

The long and winding road to "Hatch Guide for Upper Midwest Streams," a new field guide from Ann Miller of Lincoln Township, began some 30 years ago.

Miller was in graduate school at the time, studying aquatic biology, and in particular, algae and diatoms.

She contends one cannot study these things without developing an appreciation for other, related, things. "Turning over rocks looking at algae led to turning over rocks looking for insects," she said.

One evening, during a famous fly-hatching season, colleagues took her to the river, set her up with lures and instructions, and left her.

She sat for a time, but ended up "hopelessly tangled."

It was dark. She was wet.

"But then the insects started hatching," she says, "and these huge fish came out and started feeding, and I'm just completely enthralled with the experience, wishing I'd listened better and that I wasn't tangled. All I could think was, 'I have to come back and do this again.'"

She's been going back ever since.

Fly fishing is one of those arts – and an old one – that is passed on from person to person.

It is one of shared observation and trial and error. Experienced anglers mentor the newly bit.

Miller started to pass her knowledge and technique to others, teaching classes and workshops.

"An integral part of fly-fishing is understanding the insects and what is hatching," she said, "and then, in turn, you try to imitate

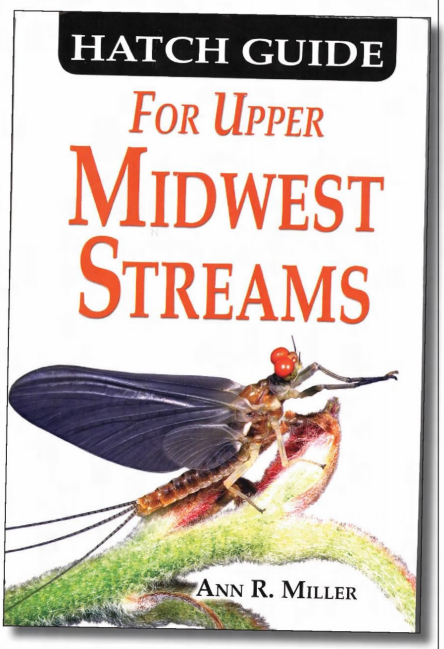
Book signing today

From 6-9 p.m. this evening, 3 Pillars Gallery, 198 Water St., Benton Harbor, will host " Of March Browns and Yellow Sallies… An Evening to Catch… and Release," featuring Ann Miller signing copies of her book.

Miller will also demonstrate the art of tying flies.

The book signing and exhibit will be part of the New Territory Arts Association's Spring Art Hop in the Arts District.

See HATCH GUIDE, page D4



Some of Miller's materials she uses to make her flies.

Bald eagle on I-75?

Man tries to save hurt raptor found on interstate south of Detroit

By ALEXANDRA BAHOU
Detroit Free Press

Common things you might find littering a roadway -- a fallen branch, tossed pop cans, an occasional mattress.

But a bald eagle?

Woodhaven Police Sergeant Duane Ratliff said he was stunned when he had to swerve to miss a bald eagle near I-75 in South Rockwood on the morning of March 4 while taking his daughter to gymnastics.

"My wife said, 'Back up, I think it's a bird,'" Ratliff said. "She looked out and goes, 'It's still alive.'"

Ratliff said he approached the bird and noticed it was still alert, bobbing its head and blinking. He immediately called Woodhaven Animal Control, but, because it was so early, no one was available. Ratliff then grabbed a blanket out of his car, wrapped up the eagle and transported it back to the station.

"That's the day we had all of that high wind and there are some high tension wires that run along the roadway there," said Ratliff, describing what he thinks might have happened to the eagle. "There's no other object he would have hit. He was totally intact, no obvious signs of any injury, just a little spot of blood on his head."

Once the bird was handed over to animal control, it was near death. Woodhaven Animal Control officer Becky Swayze said they contacted local rescues for help, but by the time the rehabilitators were able to get to the station, the bird had passed.

"We were doing everything we could," said Swayze.

A rehabilitator now has possession of the bird and will send it to the National Eagle Repository in Denver, Colorado established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sandy Cleva, spokesperson for the Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement, said the repository provides eagle feathers and parts to Native Americans for use in religious ceremonies or for other cultural purposes. Cleva said in an effort to preserve these species, the government and Service has recognized how important the birds are to the religious practices of Native Americans.

See BALD EAGLE, page D4

Waterfowl wandering through area

Redhead ducks, sandhill, phoebes make appearance in Southwest Michigan

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

There are more than 30 species of waterfowl (swans, geese and ducks) which migrate through Southwest Michigan during this time of year. Some, like the mallard, will stay and nest, but most pass through on their way north.

A male redhead is a fairly common spring and fall migrant duck. This species is aptly named for the males rusty-colored head. Female redheads are brown.

Buffleheads are common spring and fall migrants. Many bufflehead winter in this region wherever there is open water and depart by

See WUEPPER, page D4

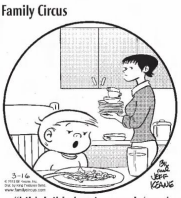
Brad Anderson photo

(From left to right) A female redhead, a male redhead and a group of four bufflehead ducks are seen near Bridgman on Tuesday. The third bufflehead from the left is a female. Males all show more white on sides and head.

The Lockhorns

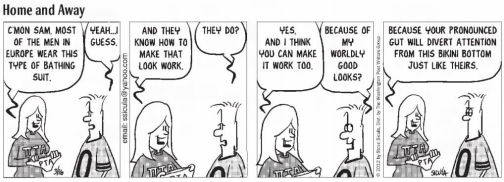
"SOME GUY KEPT TOASTING HIS WIFE AND I HAD TO DEFEND YOUR HONOR."

The Family Circus



"I think this has too much 'mac' and not enough 'roni.'"

Home and Away


C'MON SAM, MOST OF THE MEN IN EUROPE WEAR THIS TYPE OF BATHING SUIT.
YEAH...I GUESS.
AND THEY KNOW HOW TO MAKE THAT LOOK WORK.
THEY DO?
YES, AND I THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT WORK TOO.
BECAUSE OF MY WORLDLY GOOD LOOKS?
BECAUSE YOUR PRONOUNCED GUT WILL DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THIS BIKINI BOTTOM JUST LIKE THEIRS.

Non Sequitur

I HEAR YOU'RE OUTRAGED, DANAE.
YES! I AM, JEFFREY
THEN SO AM I!
NO, YOU CAN'T SHARE IN MY OUTRAGE.
UH... WHY NOT?
BECAUSE TOPPING MY LIST OF OUTRAGE IS STINKY, BOOGER-BRAINED BOYS
OK, NOW I'M OUTRAGED!
TOO LATE. MY APATHY CANCELS OUT YOUR OUTRAGE.

Baby Blues

HAMMIE SEEMS TO BE STRUGGLING IN MATH.
I KNOW. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO HELP.
MAYBE IT'S TIME FOR A TUTOR.
REALLY?
HAMMIE'S RIGHT. THIS SECOND-GRADE TEACHER IS TOUGH!
I THINK SHE MEANT HAMMIE NEEDS THE TUTOR.

The Amazing Spider-Man

CAST A SPELL TO SAVE MRS. PARKER—NOW!
NO SPELL CAN SAVE HER IF SHE REMAINS IN ASGARD.
THEN ONCE I TAKE CARE OF YOU—
—I'LL GET HER BACK TO EARTH!
SPOKEN LIKE THE WITLESS MORTAL YOU ARE!
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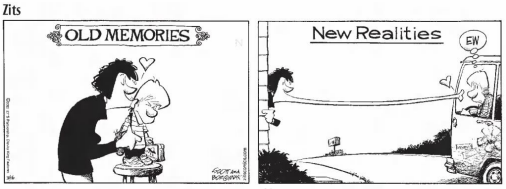

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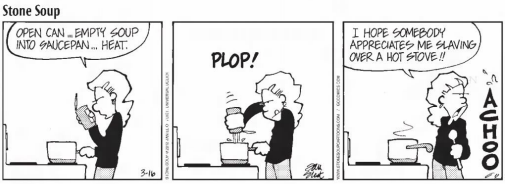


Arlo and Janis

Jump Start

What's so great about "old school music"?
SLASH SLASH!
according to Mom and Dad, new music is lacking good singing and good lyrics. Everything new is "Auto-Tuned to death"
how can we argue with them...
when we're not allowed to hear anything new!

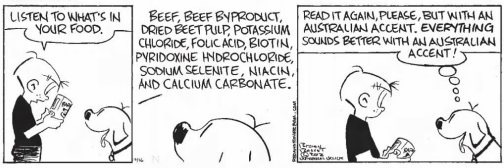
Garfield

Beetle Bailey

Dilbert

OUR PLUNGING PRODUCTIVITY IS ALL BECAUSE OF AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BOY NAMED TRAYLOR.
PRODUCTIVITY
TRAYLOR DOESN'T WASH HIS HANDS. HE BRINGS HOME EVERY VIRUS AND GERM FROM SCHOOL, AND GIVES IT TO HIS MOM, WHO BRINGS IT TO WORK WITH HER.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD SEE A DOCTOR.
IT'S JUST ALLERGIES!

Red and Rover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SIGH= I ALWAYS HOPED I'D DIE SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS, NOT LONG-DIVISION PROBLEMS.

Mother Goose & Grimm

Blondie

IT'S ERIC AGAIN! HE SAYS HE HAS A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION TO ASK YOU
SERIOUSLY? YOU CAN TELL ERIC I'M IN NO MOOD TO GIVE HIM ADVICE THAT HE NEVER LISTENS TO ANYWAY
ERIC, COOKIE CAN'T COME TO THE PHONE RIGHT NOW, BUT IS THERE SOME ADVICE I CAN GIVE YOU ABOUT ANYTHING?
I JUST TOLD ERIC I'D GO WITH A GREEN TIE WITH A BLUE BLAZER
SERVES HIM RIGHT

Pickles

GRAMPA, THAT GUY ON TV IS TALKING SO FAST I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S SAYING. CAN YOU?
SURE, I CAN. I'M A FAST LISTENER.
HOW DID YOU LEARN TO DO THAT?
BY BEING MARRIED TO YOUR GRAM.
I LISTEN TO HER SO FAST THAT I USUALLY FINISH LISTENING TO HER BEFORE SHE'S EVEN FINISHED TALKING.

Hagar the Horrible

TABLE FOR FOUR, PLEASE
CERTAINLY, SIR...
WILL YOUR OTHER THREE GUESTS BE JOINING YOU SHORTLY?
NO, I'M ALL ALONE,...
...BUT I'M VERY HUNGRY!

Get Fuzzy

I'VE FINISHED YOUR HOROSCOPE, BUCKY.
FOR STARTERS, I SEE THAT YOU'RE A GIVING PERSON. YOUR BIGGEST FAULT IS THAT YOU'RE TOO GENEROUS.
SO TRUE. SO TRUE.
HM.
NOW, THE MOON IS THE PLANET OF UNCERTAINTY AND IT'S HAVING A MOONFAST ON YOUR SIGN, SO DON'T LET YOUR GREEDY ROOMMATE HERE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR TRUSTING NATURE THIS WEEK.
THE STARS ARE INDEED WISE.
I THINK THAT HOROSCOPE NEEDS A BETTER SCOPE.

Prime Time TV

FRIDAY EVENING MAR. 16

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7) (10) (41) (57)	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank (N) ᴴᴰ		Primetime: What Would You Do? (N)		20/20 (N) ᴴᴰ	
CBS (2) (3) (22)	:00 2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) ᴴᴰ				2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament		
NBC (5) (8) (16)	Access Hollyw'd	Who Do You Think You Are? ᴴᴰ		Grimm "Let Your Hair Down" ᴴᴰ		Dateline NBC (N) ᴴᴰ	
FOX (17) (28) (32)	Two and Half Men	Kitchen Nightmares "Greek at the Harbor; Luigi's" Greek at the Harbor; Luigi's ᴴᴰ				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) ᴴᴰ	
PBS (34)	NewsHour	Catholicism Sacred sites of the Holy Land. ᴴᴰ			Catholicism Mount Sinai; Istanbul. ᴴᴰ		
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Nikita Division agents are assassinated. (N)		Supernatural "Out With the Old" (N)		Excused ᴴᴰ	TMZ (N) ᴴᴰ
MNT (58)	Big Bang Theory	Monk A teacher's death. ᴴᴰ		Monk "Mr. Monk and the Airplane" ᴴᴰ		How I Met	My Name Is Earl
WCIU (26)	House of Payne	House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Family Guy	American Dad	Seinfeld ᴴᴰ	Seinfeld ᴴᴰ
WHME (46)	News Israel	Lester Sumrall	Paid Program	The Harvest Show News and music.		Full Circle	Joyce Meyer
WSBT (22)	Jeopardy! (N) ᴴᴰ	Steven and Chris ᴴᴰ		Dr. Phil A man loves his wife's best friend.		News	Frasier ᴴᴰ
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas
AMC	:00 CSI: Miami	ᵀᴹ ★ Thinner ('96, Horror) Robert John Burke, Joe Mantegna. ᴴᴰ				The Walking Dead "Better Angels"	
Animal	North-	Alaska Wildlife		North Woods Law		Rattlesnake Republic	
BET	106/Park	ᵀᴹ ★★ Like Mike ('02) Lil' Bow Wow.				Like Mike 2	
Big Ten	Women's College Gymnastics			University	The Big Ten's Greatest Games		
Bravo	:00 Shahs of Sunset	Housewives/OC		The Real Housewives of Atlanta		ᵀᴹ ★★★ Scary Movie ('00) (P).	
Cartoon	NinjaGo	Star Wars	NinjaGo	King/Hill	King/Hill	American	American
Cinemax	6:40 ᵀᴹ ★★ Last Man Standing ('96)			:20 ᵀᴹ ★★★★ Pulp Fiction ('94, Crime Drama) John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson, Uma Thurman. ᴴᴰ			
CMT	6:30 ᵀᴹ ★★ Groundhog Day			Sweet Home Alabama "A Friend in Need"			
CNBC	Report	The Celebrity Apprentice ᴴᴰ				American Greed	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper	
Comedy	30 Rock	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Sunny	Sunny	Tosh.0	Ugly
CSNC	Bulls	NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers at Chicago Bulls.					Chicago
Discovery	:00 Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold "Eureka!" ᴴᴰ		Bering Sea Gold "Bad Vibrations"		Bering Sea Gold "The Bitter End"	
Disney	The Luck of the Irish	Lab Rats		Phineas	Jessie	Austin	Good
DIY	Kitchen	Holmes on Homes		Caves	Caves	Want	Ren.
E!	E! News	Khloe	Fashion Star "Pilot"			Fashion Police (N)	
Encore	★ Money Train ('95)	ᵀᴹ ★★ Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time ('10, Adventure) Jake Gyllenhaal. ᴴᴰ				ᵀᴹ ★★ Ronin ('98) Robert De Niro.	
ESPN	NBA Basketball: Heat at 76ers				NBA Basketball		
ESPN2	NFL Live	Dewey Bozella		Boxing Tim Coleman vs. Kendall Holt. (N)			
ESPNC	Boxing	Friday Night Lights		Friday Night Lights		Her Story ᴴᴰ	
Family	Harry Potter	ᵀᴹ ★★★ Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ('04) Daniel Radcliffe. The young wizard confronts the fugitive Sirius Black.					
Food	Best	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	News	The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren	
Fox Sports	Game 365	Spartan	Michigan	Oakland	Pistons	NBA Basketball	
FX	Two and Half Men	ᵀᴹ ★★ Hancock ('08, Action) Will Smith, Charlize Theron, Jason Bateman.				The Ultimate Fighter Live (N) (L)	
G4	Attack	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Campus
Golf	LPGA Tour Golf		PGA Tour Golf				PGA Golf
Hallmark	Little House	Little House on the Prairie ᴴᴰ		Little House on the Prairie ᴴᴰ		Frasier ᴴᴰ	Frasier ᴴᴰ
HBO	Chasing Liberty	ᵀᴹ Game Change ('12, Docudrama) Julianne Moore, Woody Harrelson. ᴴᴰ				Real Time With Bill Maher (N) ᴴᴰ	
History	Pickers	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
HGTV	Hunters	House	Hunters	You Live in What?		House	Hunters
Learning	Weddings	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	
Lifetime	Cold Files	Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		I Love You to Death	
MSNBC	Hardball	The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		Documentary	
MTV	Challenge	Jersey Shore ᴴᴰ		Jersey Shore ᴴᴰ		Lords of Dogtown	
NFL	NFL Total	Arena Football Georgia Force at Tampa Bay Storm. (N) (L)					
Nick	Sponge.	Fred	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Troopers	Alaska Wing Men (N)		Prison Women		Prison Women	
Oxygen	My Boss's	House Still in mourning, Wilson resigns.		House House hires a private investigator.		House Artist with an undiagnosed illness.	
Showtime	ᵀᴹ ★★★ Exit Through the Gift Shop ('10) ITV.			ᵀᴹ ★ Push ('09) Chris Evans. ITV. Rogue psychics battle a covert government agency.			
Spike	Unleash	UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter	
Starz	:42 ᵀᴹ ★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides ('11, Action) Johnny Depp, Penélope Cruz. ᴴᴰ					Spartacus: Vengeance "Balance" (N)	
SyFy	Dawn of the Dead	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) ᴴᴰ				Merlin "The Hunter's Heart" (N) ᴴᴰ	
TBS	2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament			:15 2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
TCM	Three on a Couch	ᵀᴹ ★★★ Jason and the Argonauts ('63) Todd Armstrong, Nancy Kovack. ᴴᴰ				ᵀᴹ ★★ Clash of the Titans ('81) ᴴᴰ	
TMC	6:15 ᵀᴹ Lucky	ᵀᴹ ★★★ The Thomas Crown Affair ('99) Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo. ᴴᴰ				ᵀᴹ ★★★ Air Force One ('97)	
TNT	2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament				2012 NCAA Tournament		
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files	
TV Land	M*A*S*H	Home Im	Home Im	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Fairly Legal "Satisfaction" ᴴᴰ		In Plain Sight "The Anti-Social Network"	
VH1	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	Jersey Shore ᴴᴰ	
WGN-A	Funny Videos	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine (N) ᴴᴰ	

Cataract surgery improves vision in almost every case

Dear Doctor K: I have cataracts. What are my treatment options?

Dear Reader: "Cataract" means "huge waterfall." And that's how some people with cataracts describe their clouded sight – like trying to look through a waterfall.

Light enters our eyes and then passes through the lens, a structure inside the eye. The job of the lens, like the lens of a camera, is to focus images. With a digital camera, the lens focuses images on a light-sensitive plate. With our eyes, the lens focuses images on a little light-sensitive "wall" in the back of the eye, the retina. The focused image is then sent by the retina to the brain. That's when we see things.

A healthy lens is clear, so that light can pass through it without being distorted. Cataracts are cloudy areas in the lens. At first, you don't notice them because they don't affect your vision. Your doctor might see them during an eye examination. It's not uncommon for me to see that a patient of mine is developing cataracts, but doesn't know it. Over time, however, the cloudy areas gradually get larger and interfere with vision. They distort or block the passage of light through the lens.

Cataracts can occur in one eye or both. If they affect both eyes, they often proceed at a different pace: They may be more advanced in one eye than in the other.

Dr. Anthony Komaroff

Cataracts are a long-term problem, and in most patients, vision gets worse over time. You may be able to improve your vision by using eyeglasses, magnifying lenses or stronger lighting. However, if the cataracts get bad enough in one eye, they can affect depth perception. That, in turn, makes driving hazardous and sports difficult.

If the cataracts get bad enough in both eyes, they can lead to blindness if not treated.

The only way to cure cataracts is to remove the clouded lenses and replace them with a clear plastic lens. Compared to when I was in medical school, cataract surgery today is much simpler and more effective.

There are two surgical options for taking out the cloudy lenses. The first is called extracapsular cataract extraction. In this procedure, most of the cataract may be removed manually. Or, sound waves may be used to break the clouded lens into tiny pieces, which are then vacuumed out. The capsule surrounding the lens is left intact.

In the other surgical procedure, known as intracapsular cataract extraction, both the lens and the lens capsule are removed.

Once the cloudy lens is out, you can have a clear plastic lens placed in the eye, or you can wear a contact lens or special cataract glasses with very powerful magnification.

Cataract surgery improves vision in the vast majority of patients who have it. In some people who have extracapsular surgery, part of the lens capsule may eventually become cloudy. This can be corrected with laser surgery.

You cannot prevent age-related cataracts. But you can lower your risk by limiting your time in the bright sun, not smoking and controlling your blood sugar if you have diabetes.

Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School. Go to his website, www.AskDoctorK.com, to send him questions and get additional information; or write him c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

Learn a lesson from a previous failure

Dear Carolyn: My last relationship was several years ago. We'd been together for four years and engaged for one. Right before we were supposed to do the deed, he informed me that he never wanted to marry me, never wanted to be in a relationship, and he'd been lying a lot. This was the exact opposite of how he had been behaving. Quite the shock.

I'm in a new relationship now, of only a few months. We're already talking marriage. A lot of my friends think this is too soon, but I've resigned myself to the fact that if something bad is going to happen it will, regardless of how long we're together. I did the standard waiting periods last time, but it didn't shield me from anything. I'm trying to find a good reason to wait this time, but as you've already said, bad things just happen, which is out of our control, right? Can you think of another reason to wait? – **Seattle**

About 20, but I'll try to keep my arm-flapping to a minimum.

Here's what you're essentially saying: "Since a car can run a stop sign and kill me at any time, there's no point in looking both ways before I cross a street."

If you really think there's no point in taking basic care of yourself, then please consider good counseling or even grief support. A refresher on what you can and can't control can have a surprising, calming effect.

Carolyn Hax

You can't prevent all harm, and, you're right, waiting till you've known someone a couple of years before getting married won't inoculate you.

But you can take basic precautions against completely foreseeable problems. Waiting a couple of years to marry can tell you a million things you can learn no other way – including whether you even like the person after the initial attraction wears off. It can also tell you, if you're paying attention, whether he handles his job, family, friends, money and bills, his health/sickness, your health/sickness, other challenges, bad weather, good fortune, unintended consequences, being under others' control and other typical variables well.

You can also weigh how you behave when you're with him. Some people bring out our best selves and others our worst, and time is the wisest judge. Maybe it betrayed you last time – but, maybe instead you missed its signs, and now you'll recognize them.

By rushing, you could miss why *he's* in a rush, too. It might not be the case here, but moving fast – misguidedly embraced as being swept off one's feet – is a known tactic of abusers, to lock you in before you notice something's wrong.

If this relationship is good for you, it'll still be good for you two or three years from now. It won't cost you a thing, emotionally, to wait.

What your ex did was awful, and I get the temptation to cross your arms over your chest and fall back into the hands of fate. You did everything you were "supposed to" do and look where that got you, right?

But if all of us said "(naughty word) it" at our encounters with spectacular failure, none of us would walk and we'd all still poop in our pants. Failure tends to teach very specific lessons – lessons squandered whenever we quit.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Take the stairs
6 Quota
11 Racehorses, slangily
13 Sundress part
14 Gopher or marmot
15 Big name in soul
16 Sun. homily
17 Country rtes.
18 Terrible
21 Cote dwellers
23 So!
26 Not just my
27 Scholarly notation
28 Tijuana trio
29 Hypnotic states
31 "Monday, Monday" half
32 Yak's home
33 Not in the know
35 Stare at
36 Worm or minnow
37 Bear's pad
38 Indy 500 month
39 Disloyal
40 Paintings
41 Util. bill
42 Almost grads
44 Having bounds
47 Car safety device (2 wds.)
51 Doted on
52 Temperament
53 Gushes over
54 Tiberius' tongue

DOWN
1 Paramedic's skill
2 London lav
3 Wabash loc.
4 — van der Rohe
5 Eggs — (brunch option)
6 Parliament members
7 "Et tu" time
8 Engineering sch.
9 Fritz, to himself
10 Crumpet companion
12 Disco flasher
13 Unveiled
18 Lowest point
19 The Charioteer constellation
20 Somberly
22 Audio- —
23 Naval force
24 Eavesdropper
25 Concur
28 Playing marble
30 Society column word
31 Fabric
34 Sentra maker
36 Processed cotton
39 Throws a party for
41 Get pooped out
43 Mex. miss
44 A long way off
45 Boise's st.
46 Autumn mo.
48 Cautionary connector
49 Jackie's tycoon
50 Pentagon VIP

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	D	E		L	I	M	A		V	O	L	E
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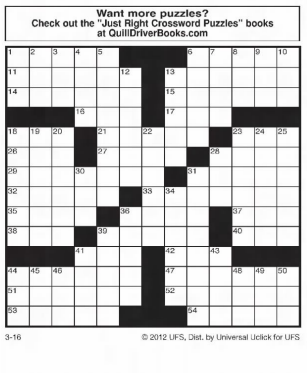

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Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FTOAO

AGLUH

DIRALA

FODFAR

It uses 75% less coal!
No way can it be that much more efficient.
Liar!
WHEN JAMES WATT TALKED ABOUT HIS STEAM ENGINE, SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS ------

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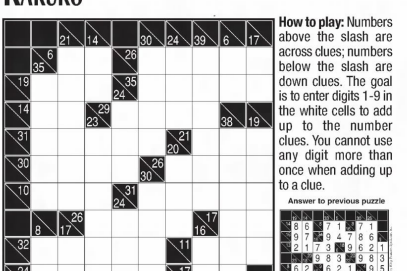
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHOVE ODDLY UNWISE AROUND
Answer: The zombie was this when he warned that humans were approaching — DEAD SERIOUS

Kakuro



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/16

Answer to previous puzzle

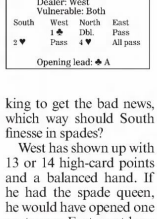
Bridge

Charlotte Perkins Gilman, a sociologist, novelist and lecturer for social reform, said, "Audiences are always better pleased with a smart retort, some joke or epigram, than with any amount of reasoning."

I hope my audiences are happy with both, because to play bridge well, one must use reasoning.

This deal is similar to yesterday's, but with a key difference: The diamond ace has migrated from East to West. How does this card movement affect the hunt for the spade queen, if at all? South is still in four hearts. West again cashes two clubs, then shifts to a trump.

Yesterday, I mentioned that when advancing partner's takeout double, not only do you show which suit you prefer, but you also give an indication of your hand's high-card count. Sometimes, though, you bid in no-trump. An advance of one no-trump shows 6 to 9 points, two no-trump indicates 10 to 12, and three no-trump promises 13 to 15. Remember that you should have strength in the opener's suit because your partner has announced shortness there. And you probably should not have four cards in an unbid major.



South loses two club tricks, draws trumps, and (assuming he is not clairvoyant) plays a diamond to dummy's queen and a diamond back to his jack. West takes the trick and leads the club queen. After ruffing on the board and cashing the diamond king to get the bad news, which way should South finesse in spades?

West has shown up with 13 or 14 high-card points and a balanced hand. If he had the spade queen, he would have opened one no-trump. East must have that card.

Sudoku

8				7				
		7	4					
	2			3				1
5				2	7			
6			5	1				
	8			7		2	6	
1		4			9			8
				6		3		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	4	1	8	9	2	5	3	7
2	7	8	4	3	5	6	1	9
9	3	5	6	7	1	8	2	4
7	1	2	5	6	3	4	9	8
3	9	4	7	2	8	1	5	6
5	8	6	9	1	4	3	7	2
4	5	7	3	8	9	2	6	1
8	2	9	1	5	6	7	4	3
1	6	3	2	4	7	9	8	5

Fishing Report

Anglers are finding bluegill and black crappie on the inland lakes. Most ramps are open but it may be a couple of weeks before all the docks are in place.

Dowagiac River: Has good steelhead fishing.

St. Joseph River: Steelhead fishing has been good especially down near the Berrien Springs Dam. Quite a few fish are moving through the fish ladders. With the warmer water temperatures, the run will most likely peak soon. Suckers are also starting to show up.

Kalamazoo River: Has good steelhead fishing but the peak of the run could come sooner than later so anglers will want to get out there this week.

Grand River at Grand Rapids: Has very good steelhead action and fresh fish have moved up into the river. A few walleye were caught and the suckers are moving in.

Grand River at Lansing: A few walleye and steelhead were caught over at Moore's Park. Water levels here were good; however, Ionia was under a flood advisory until next week. With the higher water levels, look for more steelhead to move up closer to the Lansing area.

Maple River: Continues to have high water levels.

Muskegon River: Has high water levels which will not only bring fresh fish into the river system but will also make steelhead fishing a little more difficult.

NORTHWEST LOWER PENINSULA

Ice fishing is done in this area of the state. Even though the lakes still had some ice, the rain and warm temperatures will deteriorate conditions rapidly. Anglers should stay off any remaining ice from here on out.

Betsie River: Steelhead fishing is starting to pick up.

Lake Cadillac: Rain and warm temperatures are not going to help ice conditions. The crappie bite was on; however, it may be a good idea to fish in shallow waters only.

Manistee River: Steelhead fishing is starting to pick up as fresh fish move in. Anglers are reminded that the Little Manistee River is closed to fishing until April 1st.

Pere Marquette River: Had higher water levels near Scottville. Steelhead fishing should only get better in the next few weeks.

SOUTHEAST LOWER PENINSULA

Lake Erie: A few walleye have been caught in Ohio waters near the Maumee River when trolling crank baits. Pike and panfish were caught near the Metro Park Marina.

Huron River: Is producing some bigger steelhead as well as walleye near Flat Rock. Try small jigs with hair or twister tails.

Detroit River: Boat anglers are looking for the walleye run to start but few have caught fish. Some are fishing between Wyandotte and the Edison Plant. A few pike and perch were caught in and around the Gibraltar.

Lake St. Clair: Wind and rain has muddied up the waters. The ramps are open but the docks were not in so launching or retrieving a boat will be difficult.

Lexington: Guys with waders were launching boats and catching a mix of lake trout, coho and brown trout. The near shore waters were a bit murky from all the wind.

Harbor Beach: The Edison Plant has been off-line so no fish have been drawn into the discharge channel.

Saginaw Bay: Shore anglers are taking some perch from the cut at the end of Palmer Road but a lot of sorting is necessary. Females are still green, so perch spawning is not yet under way. Boats trolling for walleye off Linwood had fair success in 14 to 18 feet of water with husky jerks. Bright colors like fire-tiger, pink or white worked best. Those fishing for walleye need to look for clear water and stay away from the murky water coming out of the Saginaw River. A few perch were caught at the Linwood Marina, the State Park Drive Bridge over the Kawkawlin River and out from the Quanicassee River. Many were small but some keepers ranging 9 to 11 inches were caught off Quanicassee. A few walleye were caught out by Spoils Island but the action was far from red-hot. Bay Port had slow fishing.

Saginaw River: Boat anglers were catching walleye; however, they really had to work in the high muddy water. Most of the fish caught have come near the confluence to the Shiawassee and Tittabawassee Rivers; however, the water coming out of the Shiawassee was not as muddy. The fish are scattered and while some did manage to catch a couple fish others got skunked. Those with experience fishing the river have done best. Those fishing near the Independence Bridge caught small walleye. Boat anglers inside the Bay Harbor Marina basin caught some nice perch.

Tittabawassee River: Water levels were high and still rising at Midland.

Sebewaing River: Had good perch fishing but anglers will need to do a lot of sorting to get some 8 to 11 inch keepers.

NORTHEAST LOWER PENINSULA

Ice on the inland lakes will not hold up with the warm temperatures. Water temperatures in the rivers were not above 40 degrees yet. Fishing has been good one day and slow the next.

Thunder Bay River: Is producing some steelhead. The boat ramps are ice free and open for use. There should be some walleye to be had off the mouth. As water temperatures edge above 40 degrees steelhead fishing will improve.

Au Sable River: The best steelhead fishing has been upstream of Oscoda, below the Foote Dam. Look for walleye off the mouth. The boat ramps are ice free.

Higgins Lake: Ice fishing is pretty much done for this year as the shoreline ice is melting rapidly and any remaining ice on the lake will not be safe.

Tawas Bay: Ice in the Bay is officially gone. Pier anglers at the State Harbor are picking up a few lake trout on the outside and sorting through perch from the inside.

Tawas River: Was producing some steelhead in the lower river and those surfcasting were starting to catch walleye off the mouth.

Au Gres: A few boats are starting to troll for walleye in the cleaner waters.

Au Gres River: Is high and muddy including Whitney Drain so steelheaders should probably go upstream to find cleaner water. The river is a Class 3 water from M-55 downstream and there should be some steelhead along the entire length of the river.

Rifle River: Reported high water levels upstream of Omer. It could be Monday or so before the river drops to fishable levels.

UPPER PENINSULA

Keweenaw Bay: Nothing to report off Sand Point. Rainbow trout were caught in the Falls River between the hot water discharge and the mouth. With the rain and warm weather this week, look for steelhead moving up into the rivers systems.

Little Bay De Noc: Ice season will end abruptly with warm temperatures and rain this week. Access was difficult as the edges fall apart and the pressure cracks open up. There is now open water near the mouth of the Whitefish River as well as the entire bay south of Escanaba. A few fish were caught between Garth Point and the Center Reef. A large pressure crack kept anglers from crossing over from the bank on the west side. Anglers were jigging or using tip-ups with sucker minnows in 12 to 23 feet of water. Several walleye in the 30 inch range were caught. A few bigger perch were reported but catch rates were slow. Off Kipling, the perch were small. If the ice holds, perch fishing should improve. A few whitefish were caught near Gladstone when jigging minnows in 26 to 33 feet of water and good numbers of pike were caught at the head of the Bay in 12 to 16 feet of water.

Munising: Had slow fishing effort due to rapidly deteriorating ice conditions. The fishable ice was limited to the eastern shoreline from the city pier northeast toward the hospital; however, this ice will not last long. Run-off near the mouth of the Anna River is quickly eroding the ice. Small boats may be able to launch at Sand Point in the next week as there is only a small amount of pack ice in the area. Anglers are focused almost exclusively on fishing coho. Catch rates were slow as only a few fish have come through. Anglers are using Swedish pimples tipped or not with cut bait or jigging rapalas. The fish are averaging 15 inches and one pound. A few splake are still in the mix but many were sub-legal. A few herring were caught.

Big Manistique Lake: Walleye action was spotty for those using tip-ups with minnows.

Munuscong: Fishing was not very productive. A few walleye and perch were caught east of Munuscong off Rocky Point in 10 to 15 feet of water however access was tricky. Ice shanties were pulled due to the warm weather and standing water.

Cedarville and Hessel: Still had ice however fishing opportunities will go quick and trying to access the water along the south shoreline will be a challenge.

— The Associated Press

Mich. Student Angler fishing competition set for June 23-24

By H-P STAFF

This year's Student Angler Federation Michigan High School Fishing Championship is slated for June 23 at Metro Beach Metropark, 31300 Metro Parkway on the St. Clair River near Mount Clemens, Mich. According to a news release, this event will follow the FLW Outdoor's Bass Fishing League event.

The competition is a two-person team event for freshmen through seniors in high school. Registration for anglers and their "coach" (the angler providing the boat they'll compete in) is online at HighSchoolFishing.org/tournaments.

The winning team gets to advance to an FLW/The Bass Federation high school fishing conference championship.

Check-in is 2:30 p.m.-3:30 June 23 at the BFL weigh-in trailer at the Metropark, followed by a mandatory rules briefing.

The tourney begins at 6 a.m. June 24 at the park. Weigh-in times will be announced afterward.

Members and nonmembers of the Student Angler Federation can participate. Nonmember participants must pay a $25 per angler fee. Paying that fee automatically gives participants a one-year FLW-The Bass Federation membership.

For more information on the competition, go to HighSchoolFishing.org, email alex@highschoolfishing.org, or call 580-765-9031.

Berrien County Sportsman's Club

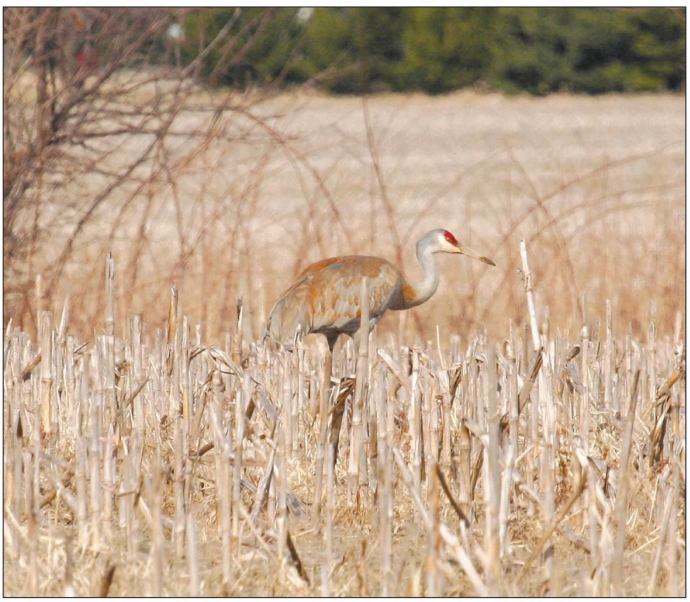
▶ Hunter safety and bowhunter safety combo class, 6-9 p.m. April 2-4, and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. April 7-8. Cost is $8. Participants must attend all dates for certificate. Register by calling Bev or Dan after 6 p.m. at 429-4656.

Sarett Nature Center

▶ Duck Watch, 1 p.m. March 25. Join Sarett for a duck watch at the Brown Sanctuary marsh. Cost is $3, free for members. Call 927-4832 to register.

▶ Geocache trail challenge, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 31. Stop in and use a GPS unit for a multicache sightseeing tour of Sarett's trails. Call 927-4832 for more information.

Submit information for Get Outdoors to sports@TheH-P.com or fax to 429-4392.



Brad Anderson photo

This sandhill crane was seen Tuesday near Bridgman.

There are flies that imitate a minnow, and there are flies that imitate a crayfish, and there are flies that imitate all these flying insects, as well as the immature stages.

ANN MILLER
Lincoln Township aquatic biologist, author

WUEPPER

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mid-May.

On Tuesday, Brad Anderson spotted a sandhill crane near Bridgman. Southern Michigan is the southern limit of the sandhill breeding range. This one likely just arrived from Florida. Sandhills are big – they stand nearly 4 feet tall and have a wingspan of around 6 feet, 6 inches.

I spent some time on Saturday looking for spring birds and my efforts were rewarded with an early eastern phoebe, which I found along the Galien River near Three Oaks.

Phoebes are common in Southwest Michigan from spring through fall. They are a member of the flycatcher family, mainly feeding on insects.

Eastern phoebes make nests out of mud and grass, which they build under under bridges, overhanging roofs, etc. One old nickname of the species is "bridge bird."

Typically, the first eastern phoebe of the spring is seen March 16 in Berrien County, but with the strong south winds we experienced recently, it is not surprising I found one on Saturday. Several additional reports of phoebes have been sent in this week.

Speaking of nests, it's time again for eastern bluebirds to begin nesting. Those who maintain bluebird nesting boxes should make sure old nests are cleaned out and all sides of the boxes are secure.

Bluebirds may raise two or even three broods before fall. Eastern bluebird numbers have rebounded over the past 40 years or so, due in part by the elimination of the harmful pesticide DDT, and by the placement of nesting boxes.

Bluebirds are cavity nesters, meaning they nest inside trees, hollow posts or boxes made especially for their use.

Early Saturday morning, I counted at least four crowning ring-necked pheasants along Rockey Weed Road in Royalton Township.

The mild winter has lowered the mortality of this declining species, at least in Southwest Michigan. Pheasants do not migrate and often succumb to the harsh winter elements, often freezing to death outright or being buried by snow.

Rooster pheasants begin crowing in March, with nesting beginning soon after in April.

Getting froggy

The above-average temperatures have brought spring into high gear. It has been warm enough that both spring peepers and chorus frogs have emerged from hibernation.

Early Tuesday morning, I stopped by a pond in south Royalton Township and heard so many frogs calling that it was nearly painful to my eardrums.

Spring peeper frogs emerge from hibernation first. As in all frogs and toads, males call in hopes of attracting females. Spring peepers are aptly named, as their sound is that of a constant "peep, peep, peep, peep."

Chorus frogs typically start calling in late March or early April, but this year they have awaken much earlier than normal because of the warm nights. Male chorus frogs emit a call that sounds like one is strumming a finger along a comb.

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HATCH GUIDE

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that particular stage of their life cycle with an artificial fly."

A good reference tool was needed, she decided, and before long she was collecting mayflies and other insects to photograph for her new guide.

Miller soon realized that no matter how careful she was, the tiny insects often got too beat up in the process, and the damage showed in the photographs.

To solve the problem, she created artificial streams in her basement, and in the garage, and began to raise the insects she needed.

In all, she raised 55 different species.

They are all catalogued in her new book, photographed in various stages of development, and presented side-by-side with corresponding handcrafted artificial lures.

"Hatch Guide for Upper Midwest Streams" identifies insects – and how to replicate them – in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. There is also some natural overlap with adjoining states.

Tying flies is its own art.

"You use different types of feathers and fur, some natural materials, some artificial materials, and then you tie everything onto the hook," said Miller.

"There are flies that imitate a minnow, and there are flies that imitate a crayfish, and there are flies that imitate all these flying insects, as well as the immature stages."

It becomes so fine-tuned, Miller can look at a fly and often knows who tied it.

"With some people, it's the material they use, or the way they finish the fly, or the body. It can be any number of things. It's just their little signature."

Miller set out to produce a book that anyone could use to become a better angler. Three and a half years later, her goal is accomplished.

She is pleased with the outcome and with the feedback she's received. While the guide is directed at anglers, Miller thinks it has other applications, too. Teachers and nature centers might use it to identify insects, or to better understand aquatic environments.

For Miller herself, the book is quite an achievement.

"I didn't expect to learn as much as I did," she said. "I knew a lot, but I know a lot more now!"

And what does the future hold? "Well, I didn't learn it all," says Miller, laughing.

"There are still some things I want to do. I have some ideas for some future things."

BALD EAGLE

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In 2010, the repository received 2,336 eagles and filled 3,901 requests from tribes.

Only Federally registered tribes can file for a permit with the service to receive feathers from the repository and the waiting list for specific requests can be long.

Ratliff said rescuing the bird was an experience he won't soon forget and he wishes the outcome could have turned out differently.

"I was just heartbroken," said Ratliff. "It was one of those weird things that not too many people can say they actually handled a bird. My wife still cries about it, too, when I show her a picture."

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